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A helicopter and an unmanned aerial done were used yesterday to assist a search and rescue team look for Chinese businessman Jian Zhu Deng, who remains missing two days after going spear fishing at Banzai Cliff in Marpi Monday night.

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management special assistant Marvin K. Seman, second from right, operates an unmanned aerial drone as Police Sgt. Thomas Blas and Homeland Security staff Jesse Aldan look on during yesterday's search efforts for missing Chinese businessman Jian Zhu Deng at Banzai Cliff in Marpi. Also in the photo walking on the cliff line is police officer Jesse Stole.



## Budget talks stalled to wait for AG opinion

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Fiscal year 2016 budget talks lost a day yesterday as lawmakers await an opinion from the CNMI Office of the Attorney General on the legality of

Senate provisions that seek to use funds earmarked for the Marianas Visitors Authority for other purposes.

After a bicameral committee meeting on Tuesday to resolve differences in the two competing budget bills, the House of

Representatives sent a letter requesting Attorney General Edward Manibusan for a formal opinion on Senate proposals that the House has called unconstitutional.

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## 'Repair of weather heads up to homeowners'

By **DENNIS B. CHAN**  
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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. crew will aim to go to every service connection and let homeowners know of the condition of their wires, weather heads, and

meter sockets that may need to be fixed, says acting CUC executive director John Riegel.

But the repairs of these weather heads are the responsibility of the homeowner, according to Riegel.

"If there's a problem...

they will let the homeowners know," he said.

Riegel was clarifying reports about why some houses near main power lines have been reenergized while others nearby are not.

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## Local

## Chamber and FEMA host Business Recovery Fair

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, hosted a Business Recovery Fair at Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall yesterday.

The event sought to provide information to the business sector on the opportunities available to them to be able to recover from the damage brought by Typhoon Soudelor.

"FEMA came and asked us if we would host it," Chamber executive director Jill Arenovski said. "Tan Holdings was willing to sponsor the venue to make it easy for us. All we had to do was arrange the participants and invite people."

Government agencies as well as private sector entities were present to offer information and solutions.

Among them were FEMA's Office of External Affairs' private sector liaison Susan



Various public agencies and private entities offered help and information to businesses yesterday at the Business Recovery Fair hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Federal Emergency Management Agency at the Fiesta Resort and Spa.

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Langhoff and the U.S. Small Business Administration's public information officer, William Koontz.

"The way we help our busi-

ness owners that have been impacted by a disaster is to share information with them about recovery—different avenues of recovery—the prima-

ry being business owners' recovery options through SBA," Langhoff said.

Koontz reminded businesses that not only those who suf-

fered physical damage can be eligible for disaster loans.

"The SBA can loan them money not just to pay for their damaged business, damaged equipment," Koontz said. "We can also loan them the lost income that they're suffering. That might go on for several months."

Representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture were also present. According to USDA Saipan Service Center's Jay Doronilla, farmers can get help on having the damage to their farms inspected and advice on how to proceed.

Those who are interested and eligible can also join their Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which could help them cost share expenses but certain requirements will

have to be met by the farmers.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. offered information regarding the status of power supply so that businesses can plan ahead.

"Right now the best thing that we can do for them is give them an idea of where power is in relation to their businesses and give them an idea what it might take for them to get back online," public information officer Brad Ruzala said.

Also present were the Saipan Mayor's Office, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Labor, Commonwealth Development Authority, Small Business Development Center, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works, Bridge Capital, First Hawaiian Bank, Bank of Hawaii, AON, CTSI, and N15, among others.

## Process server unable to locate Chinese businessman despite several attempts

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Despite several attempts, a process server has failed to locate Mingnan Jin, a Chinese businessman who has been dragged into a legal battle over a disputed \$224,585 in a company's savings account.

Process server Rainaldo S. Agulto has been retained by attorney Mark Scoggins to serve Jin with a copy of the complaint and a summons to appear before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

"To date, I have been unsuccessful in my attempts to serve Mr. Jin," said Agulto in a declaration he executed on Friday. Scoggins' law office filed the declaration in court.

Agulto said he visited Jin's residence on three to four separate occasions during daytime and nighttime and on both during workweek and weekends.

"To date, I have not been able to locate Mr. Jin at the residence, nor have I been able to locate any suitable person residing and the residence upon which to serve process," he said.

Agulto said he also visited some eight to 10 times the office where Jin is known to conduct business and has not been able to locate him there.

Agulto noted that he looked into the office several times and that it appears to be in use, but that he has never been able to see any people inside.

On one particular visit, Agulto noted a phone number on the front door of the office and he tried to reach Jin via that number. He said the person who answered the phone agreed to meet him at Jin's residence.

Agulto said he immediately went to the residence and was told by this individual that Jin had just left and was going to the law office representing Jin.

Agulto said he got the description of the vehicle that Jin drives and immediately went to the law office. He said no such vehicle was parked anywhere in the vicinity of the law office and that he did not find Jin there.

Agulto said he repeatedly attempted to call the cell number but no one answered.

He said he visited the law office three to four times but has been unable to locate Jin there, nor has he seen the vehicle matching the descriptions provided him.

The case involves a dispute in the ownership of a company, Universal Group Development Inc. (Saipan), and \$225,000 of its funds in a savings account at First Hawaiian Bank.

Universal Group is suing its former president and shareholder, Wanzhong Yu, for conversion and the First Hawaiian Bank for breach of contract. Universal alleged that Yu and the bank have blocked the company from gaining access to \$225,000 of its own funds.

Yu maintains he is still president of Universal Group and that he was detained in China for 22 months caused by political influence exerted by his former business partners.

Jin and Jinwei Guo, however, claim they are the officers and directors of the company and that Guo is now the sole shareholder.

The case is being heard in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

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# PSS: Estimated \$2M in damage expected to grow

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Typhoon Soudelor caused an estimated \$2 million in damage to the CNMI Public School System's buildings, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan.

She said this is only for damage to facilities; PSS is still evaluating property damage on instructional materials, equipment, and supplies caused by the Aug. 2 typhoon.

She expects the amount to increase once the final assessments come in.

"It's quite a big number considering the loss that we had [on some of our] facilities. This includes Garapan elementary, San Vicente elementary, Gregorio T. Camacho elementary,

Tanapag Middle School, Marianas High School, and a couple of Dandan Middle School classrooms," Sablan said. "We still need to take a closer look and that is only for damaged facilities. We have to take into account our contents as well."

According to Sablan, a couple of vehicles were damaged as well, including some equipment.

More than 45 of PSS' buildings were damaged by the typhoon. Sablan said that GES was hit the most with about 12 classrooms damaged. San Vicente has more than 20 damaged classrooms, the MHS Gymnasium is still unusable, Tanapag has classrooms damaged, and GTC's bathrooms roof is gone, among others.

Sablan said they've already

sent PSS' public assistance application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"We have done our inspection

with FEMA and we have filed our report with FEMA for public assistance and hopefully we can be getting some feed-

back soon," Sablan said.

"We have also submitted our debris plan to get reimbursement because we lost a lot of trees and

there was so much debris that came unto campus[es] and we had to take care of those right away for safety," she added.

## NI mayor's office eyes own vessel

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To lessen the burden of waiting for quarterly rides to the Northern Islands, Northern Islands Mayor Jerome K. Aldan is considering the idea of having his office purchase a passenger and cargo ship.

Aldan, along with Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Antonia M. Tudela, met with the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office last Sept. 8 at the Horiguchi Build-

ing to discuss acquiring a vessel.

Aldan proposes to purchase a vessel that could carry about 50 passengers and cargo.

"It is part of the redevelopment process and we're trying to build our own goals and take off with the redevelopment of the Northern Islands so we could have a vessel ready and come and go when we need to," Aldan said.

Right now, according to him, it takes about three months or more to charter a vessel for the Northern Islands and this is too

long a wait.

"If we acquire a vessel, it would eliminate the timeframe and the frequency of the visit would be more readily available instead of every quarter," he said. "If we own one, it is a one-time purchase and we can use it anytime."

He declined to come up with a projected cost for the project, saying they are still in the exploratory stage.

"We're going to tap funds and we're working with the CNMI Governor's Office Grants Management Office to do this and we're doing the legwork right

now," he said.

The USCG office provided them information on the logistics of purchasing and operating a passenger and cargo vessel. The USCG recommended three options: One, acquire a U.S.-certified vessel that would go through initial inspection under U.S. standards; two, purchase a vessel and put it under a foreign flag that would still be inspected by the U.S. and required to comply with the rules of the country it is under; and three, get a foreign-built boat and the U.S. can certify it under U.S. standards.

## USCIS withdraws denial of petition for CW-1 permit for foreign worker

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The Administrative Appeal Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has remanded to USCIS California Service Center for further review the petition for a CW-1 permit filed by a Bangladeshi national and a private company, who are suing the U.S. government and other officials in federal court over the denial of his petition.

Assistant U.S. attorney Jessica F. Cruz, counsel for the U.S. government and USCIS officials, and attorney Joseph E. Horey, counsel for Moniruzzaman Masud and Angando Inc., notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday that the USCIS Administrative Appeal Office has withdrawn its earlier denial of the petition.

Cruz and Horey disclosed that the USCIS Administrative Appeal Office reopened Masud's and Angando's petition and remanded it to USCIS California Service Center for further review.

The U.S. government's position is that the administrative process must be exhausted in order for Masud and Angando to proceed with their lawsuit.

With this development, Cruz and Horey asked the court to stay or suspend the case pending the final decision of USCIS. They will provide the court with a status report every 60 days.

USCIS denied Masud's and Angando's petition for a CW-1 permit on the grounds that the employer had not established that Masud was lawfully present in the CNMI at the time the petition was filed. The plaintiffs asserted that Masud obtained an umbrella permit in 2009, which proved he was lawfully present in the Commonwealth.

The plaintiffs are suing the U.S. government, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh John-

son, USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez, and USCIS California Service Center Director Rosemary Langley Melville.

The plaintiffs asked the court to declare that Masud was lawfully present in the CNMI at the time of Angando's petition and is eligible for CW-1 classification.

Horey wants the court to compel the defendants to classify Masud as an alien eligible for CW-1 classification, and to approve Angando's petition to employ him.

Horey stated in the complaint that on April 30, 2007, Masud, who at the time held a CNMI 706D immediate relative entry permit based on his marriage, applied with the CNMI Immigration director for the renewal of his permit.

His renewal application was denied in 2007. He appealed the denial to the CNMI Attorney General. The appeal remained pending and unresolved as of Nov. 27, 2011, according to Horey.

The lawyer said that, on Nov. 27, 2009, the CNMI Department of Labor issued an umbrella permit to Masud—a two-year permit issued prior to Nov. 28, 2009, by CNMI Labor, Department of Commerce, or Attorney General. Horey said the umbrella permit remained valid through Nov. 27, 2011.

The lawyer said that, on Nov. 27, 2011, Angando mailed to USCIS a petition for CW01 worker classification for Masud.

In 2012, the USCIS California Service Center denied the petition on the basis that Angando had not presented evidence that Masud was lawfully present in the CNMI at the time the application was filed. Angando appealed.

In February 2015, the Administrative Appeals Office upheld the denial. This prompted Masud and Angando to file the lawsuit last July.

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# Salvation Army receives 8,000 cans of luncheon loaf

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REPORTER

D&Q International delivered the rest of Hormel Food's donation to the Salvation Army yesterday.

D&Q resident manager Max Kretzers was present as four pallets or 8,064 cans of Black Label Luncheon Loaf were handed over to the organization.

"We want to thank Dickerson & Quinn and Hormel for this," Salvation Army pastor Wayne Gillespie said. "We're thrilled to get this."

Gillespie said the canned food will be used primarily for their regular soup kitchen and disaster relief.

He also thanked D&Q for their prior donations for Typhoon Soudelor relief as well as for helping them with their soup kitchen even during non-disaster times.

According to Gillespie, they are now focusing on their casework and are going out to the field to find people who are most in need.

"The field work is going re-

## » CW workers target of casework



D&Q resident manager Max Kretzers, second from left, is joined by two D&Q staff in turning over four pallets of Black Label Luncheon Loaf donated by Hormel Food to Salvation Army pastor Wayne Gillespie, left.

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ally well," Gillespie said.

He added that they are primarily concerned about the CW or guest workers and the residents who are bedridden and

couldn't get out of the house.

Gillespie said they are keenly interested in helping guest workers since they are not eligible for Federal Emergency

Management Agency assistance.

He said CW status holders can contact the Salvation Army if they are in need of assistance.

## Drop-off site for hazardous wastes, large appliances

A new drop-off location for household hazardous waste, large appliances (white goods), and electronics, run by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in cooperation with CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, will begin on Friday, Sept. 11.

Residents can bring their household hazardous waste, white goods, and electronics damaged as a result of Typhoon Soudelor to the old Kobler air field (near As Gono green waste drop off station) on Fridays and Saturdays in September, from 9am to 5pm. EPA will also continue to collect household hazardous waste at the Lower Base

Transfer Station, Monday to Saturday, 7:30am to 4pm. Once the EPA collection operations are complete, normal disposal activities will resume and residents will be responsible for the disposal of these white goods and electronics.

FEMA and the CNMI have called on the EPA to implement a program to collect and properly manage household hazardous chemicals and materials. This program is intended to collect materials damaged as a result of Typhoon Soudelor. Household

hazardous waste includes cleaners, pesticides, lawn and garden products, workshop and paint supplies, automotive supplies, batteries, solvents, thermometers, fluorescent lights, and flammable products such as oil, gas and propane. Another way to identify household hazardous waste is from labels that say things like: Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Toxic, Flammable, or Corrosive. Improper disposal of these materials increases the risk of contaminating air,

water, and soil. For example, materials placed in drains flow directly to septic tanks or sewage treatment plants or directly into the ocean, polluting the ocean and potentially harming sensitive coral reefs.

The collection area will also be accepting white goods and electronic wastes. White goods include refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, stoves, ovens, microwave ovens, water heaters, washers and dryers. Televisions, computers, and other electronics can also be dropped off. Residents may call CNMI BECQ at 670-664-8500 with drop-off questions. (FEMA)

## » Beginning Sept. 11, 2015, on Fridays and Saturdays at old Kobler air field

## BUDGET

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AG's office to break the House and Senate's impasse over where they are allowed to redistribute earmarked funds set aside for MVA. This "re-appropriation" amounts to about \$2.5 million.

The AG does not have to answer with a formal opinion, though, and could avoid diving into a political quagmire by refraining.

The budget conference chairman for the House of Representatives, Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan), says, though, that he is sure Manibusan understands the "urgency and importance" of their request.

Lawmakers have about three weeks to resolve their budget differences and settle on a budget for Gov. Eloy S. Inos' approval before the fiscal year ends at the end of the month.

"...I am sure he would find the time to respond at the earli-

est time to ensure that the possibility of a government shutdown does not become a reality," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

"That's the last thing we need right now," he added.

In their letter, the House posed this question to the AG: "Under applicable CNMI law, can an appropriations act legally appropriate funds via 'notwithstanding clause' or other legal mechanism when said funds are legally earmarked to an outside sources such as [the Marianas Visitors Authority and Cancer Fund] and when said funds were not identified by the governor's submission or either legislative bodies' concurrent resolutions as available for appropriation?"

Senators believe it's within their legislative authority to invoke a "notwithstanding clause" in the budget to move funds outside the "subject of appropriations" set by Inos for equipment and utilities for the Division of Customs and local hospital.

Both the House and Senate

have adopted a budget sum of \$145,829,375, after the deductions of earmarked funds.

The House tells Manibusan that the Senate's re-appropriated funds are not "subject to appropriation" for two reasons. First, the funds are not identified and adopted under CNMI law as funds subject to appropriations within the \$145 million set by Inos and adopted by the House and the Senate.

Budget law and the CNMI Constitution "limits appropriations to ceilings established by a joint resolution," the House writes.

The Senate asserts that the "notwithstanding clause" will be legally sufficient to appropriate the earmarks because they are "legislative in nature," the House writes, and as such, the Senate believes it can freely amend the earmarks with a budget bill.

But the House further cites the NMI Constitution, which says the "appropriation bills shall be limited to the subject of

## SEARCH

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The search is expected to resume this morning, Thursday, according to Marvin Seman, special assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

"Right now our search is basically from Wing Beach all the way to Cow Town and back again to open ocean," Seman told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday afternoon.

Seman, assisted by Jesse Aldan of the CNMI Homeland Security, operated yesterday afternoon their unmanned aerial drone to get videos and photos along the cliff lines.

Seman said they started using the drone on Tuesday for the aerial assessment to determine their next course of action, which was to get the helicopter to provide them additional distance and capability.

A command post was established in the field across the Mariana Resort and Spa because of availability of telephone and radio signals in the area.

Seman said this ensures that they have communication with the U.S. Coast Guard and government agencies such as Department of Public Safety's Boating Safety Unit, Commonwealth Ports Authority's Ports Police, and Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

Seman said firefighters concentrated on the land-based coastal area.

"So we have the water side searching and we also have a search of the jagged cliff lines," he said.

Seman said they have the support from the Coast Guard with its Naval Helicopter Squadron HSC-25 since yesterday morning.

He said Deng's family has been taking part in the search as well.

"We are trying to caution them because of the weather and the situation, the cliff line and jagged area," Seman said.

DPS Boating Safety Unit

commander Sgt. Thomas Blas said they sent out their fireboat and rescue boat, while CPA joined the search with their harbor patrol boat.

Blas said Boating Safety officers aboard jet skis went as close as they can to the cliff line.

"But as you can see we have huge waves breaking the cliff line and that's preventing us from getting any closer and at the same time it's creating so much confusion in the water," he said in an interview at Banzai Cliff.

Blas said they have not deployed divers since Tuesday because of the water condition. He said there is a high surf warning since Tuesday and it may continue today, Thursday.

Blas said they have a boat waiting for the water to calm down.

He said it was their first time to use a drone in the search and rescue operation and that it's been very helpful. Usually, they would send people to walk down the cliff lines, but now there is no need for that since the drone flies over and takes photos.

Aside from a helicopter, the Coast Guard also deployed their cutter, *Washington*, to assist in the search.

Acting DPS spokesman Jason Tarkong said police were notified that Deng was missing on Tuesday at 8:31am.

Tarkong said the 51-year-old Deng left home Monday at 6pm to go fishing at Banzai Cliff and never returned home.

Deng's wife, Fuwen Zhang, discovered him missing when she woke up on Tuesday.

Deng's Nissan Pathfinder was discovered by family members still parked at Banzai Cliff on Tuesday morning.

Tarkong said high surf is hampering the search efforts.

Deng is manager of the family-owned Deng Shi Auto Shop in Garapan. A known good swimmer, Deng started fishing since 2009 or 2010. Three of the couple's four children were born on Saipan, while the eldest was born in China.

## REPAIR

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He clarified that damaged weather heads are the homeowner's responsibility to repair. CUC, though, can assist and inspect if the weather head—which accepts wire from power poles—are good to "hook up" to the main.

When asked to clarify reports about political pressure to have certain areas of island hooked up, Riegel said he has not gotten any calls from politicians.

Riegel said there has been some push for Rota and Tinian housing units associated with the local hospital to get power,

but other than that, he has not gotten any calls.

Riegel said CUC's next big task is to facilitate the arrival of more power poles and transformers.

CUC will no longer be shipping hundreds of power poles via airlift, as it has been found too "expensive and impractical," according to Riegel.

Instead of just three trips, they've estimated that the plane assigned to airlift poles will require a couple more trips, for example, to get the needed poles to the island.

He said the poles will instead be shipped. As for transformers, they will be flown to island, according to Riegel.



# MVA: Senate version of budget is unconstitutional

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The Marianas Visitors Authority is once again being asked to sacrifice a portion of its fiscal year 2016 budget.

In fiscal year 2015, MVA lost \$1.16 million of its budget after the 18th Legislature moved it to the Public School System. At that time, MVA wasn't too happy about the budget cut.

This fiscal year, the Senate is thinking of touching MVA's earmarked funds again but this time, MVA is out to defend its purse, this time with the help of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A subsection of House Bill 19-86, the Budget and Appropriations Authority Act of 2016, proposes to reallocate \$530,000 that is earmarked for the MVA to fund the Division of Customs' planned purchase of x-ray machines for the airports and seaports. Another subsection proposes to allocate \$2 million of MVA money to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. for its utilities.

During a House of Representative session last Aug. 25, 2015, MVA officials expressed concern with these two subsections of HB 19-86.

"Per the projected entitlements from the hotel occupancy and container taxes, the proposed funding level for the MVA for fiscal year 2016 is \$12.16 million. With the proposed reallocation of subsection D, 2 and 3, the Legislature is proposing an operational budget of \$10.07 million for the MVA for fiscal year 2016," MVA managing director Perry Tenorio said.

"As our approved funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$12.72 million, the current version of the fiscal year 2016 budget in essence proposes to reduce MVA's operating budget by 16 percent," he said.

He noted that from fiscal years 2011 through 2015, the CNMI travel industry has seen arrivals grow just under 44 per-

cent. Fiscal year 2015 alone is expected to generate an estimated \$1.13 billion in economic activity and \$70 million in taxes to the government.

## Intent of Public Law 18-1

Tenorio pointed out that Public Law 18-1 mandates that MVA would receive 20 percent of taxes under the container tax and 80 percent of taxes from the hotel occupancy tax.

"Its intent was to enhance recreational and tourism opportunities for the economic welfare of the Commonwealth. This was supported by our offshore travel industry partners as well as the members of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands," Tenorio said.

"They did so knowing that it would raise the cost of travel packages to the CNMI but understood the need to invest into our tourism product and increase promotions in our key markets in order to drive this growth," he added.

Tenorio said the Senate's version of the budget for fiscal 2016 is contrary to the intent of Public Law 18-1 "and the implied promise made to our partners in China, Korea, Japan, Russia, Taiwan, and here in the CNMI, that the proceeds of Public Law 18-1 will be used to ensure the continued growth of CNMI's travel industry."

MVA requested that the subsections be removed.

In a Sept. 4, 2015, email to Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan) and Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Tenorio reminded the two lawmakers of the House's decision on Aug. 25 to reject the Senate version of the budget bill, citing the illegality of overriding MVA's earmark of funds.

"MVA would like to reiterate this concern for its record...MVA believes that the Senate's proposal violates the NMI Constitution," Tenorio said.

"[T]he removal or disregard of earmarking is not a matter properly to be included in an appropriation bill. ...If this bill disregards the earmark, it is violating 4 CMC § 1803. If it attempts to remove the earmark, it is amending the Code. Amendment of the Code is not a 'subject of appropriation' and cannot be accomplished through an appropriations bill," Tenorio noted in his email.

"Additionally, MVA is also concerned that the use of a 'notwithstanding clause' to ignore provisions of the Code threatens other provisions of the Planning and Budgeting Act. If the Legislature had the authority to ignore portions of the Commonwealth Code in an appropriations bill, then virtually any law passed to control the budget process would be meaningless," he later added.



Tenorio

## HANMI backs MVA

HANMI has also come to the defense of MVA's budget, saying it is not surprised at this latest attempt to touch the earmarked funds.

"We are always concerned that we might forget the reasoning for the creation of this fund. Three years ago, tourism, our only real economy, was in dire straits. Our ability

to promote our CNMI was limited to an underfunded MVA," HANMI president Gloria Cavanagh said. "Although MVA was budgeted, these monies were slow to trickle in. At first, the Legislature tried collecting at the airport. When that failed they tried to collect at the hotel level by implementing the environmental tax. This also had proven impossible to enforce. Finally it was HANMI that pushed the increase of the hotel occupancy tax from 10 percent to 15 percent," she added.

"This obviously worked. Already, more than \$1.6 million has been taken for PSS.

Then about \$3-plus million was taken by not funding the operations of MVA except for one dollar. We have to work harder in promoting the CNMI especially after the fiber optic

problem in July and the destruction of the typhoon this August. Now the funds are again in danger of being transferred. I realize

that the budget process cannot transfer earmarked funds but it will just take an amendment to PL 18-1 for yet another transfer to happen. I am not sure, though, how the \$1.6 million was done without amendment to the law," Cavanagh said.

» **HANMI backs MVA, says government forgets reason for hotel occupancy tax**

## WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

**Category A:** General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
2. Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

**Category B:** Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
3. For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

**Category C:** Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

**Category D:** is a displaced homemaker;

**DISPLACED HOMEMAKER**—The term "displaced homemaker" means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

- (A) (i) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income; or (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and
- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

**Category E:**

1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
2. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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## Inos seeks \$500K grant from OIA

The Office of the Governor submitted last week a technical assistance program grant application to aid disaster recovery after Typhoon Soudelor, according to press secretary Ivan Blanco Tuesday.

Blanco said the grant application submitted to the Office of Insular Affairs is for \$500,000.

He said the grants office program manager sent the application last week Friday.

In other government-led recovery initiatives, local and federal agencies, as well as non-profit groups, were set to meet on Capital Hill on Wednesday as part of state housing recovery task force. The major bill on the agenda was to address the issue of rebuilding after the destruc-

tive Typhoon Soudelor.

The group, called the "State Led Disaster Housing Task Force," aims to address the destruction left by Typhoon Soudelor, which destroyed a reported 2,600 homes on island when it hit on Aug. 2 and 3.

This will be their third meeting since the group of government and local stakeholders formed.

Zenie Mafnas from the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. leads the group from the "state" or government side, along with other officials. Representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has been providing rental assistance to typhoon victims, are also part of the group. **(Dennis B. Chan)**



# 'Don't drink and drive...your boat'

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has signed into law a measure that prohibits boating while under the influence of alcohol.

With his signature on Tuesday, House Bill 19-8, HD1 becomes

Public Law 19-5. The law aims to "prohibit boating while under the influence of alcohol."

The law, which was passed by the Legislature in June, found that the previous law prohibiting boating under the influence of alcohol was "confusing to boaters and has proven difficult

to enforce."

"The Legislature finds that it is necessary to pass a clear and enforceable law [that] will make the waters of the Commonwealth safer for everyone," the law states.

The law says that an impaired operator can quickly put himself

ing the risk to swimmers, divers, and tourists also.

The bill states that it is unlawful for a person to operate a vessel in CNMI waters if the person is under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, or if the person has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or more.

The bill states it is unlawful for a person to operate a vessel when

their ability to operate one is visibly impaired due to alcohol.

The bill also states it is unlawful for an owner of a vessel or a person in charge or in control of a vessel to authorize or permit a vessel to be operated by a person under the influence of alcohol.

It is also unlawful for a vessel operator to possess an open container of alcohol.

## » New law prohibits boating while drunk

## After 3 months, Thursday Market still won't operate

Three months after it last opened, the Thursday Market will still be absent at the Garapan Fishing Base today.

According to Angel Hocog, Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture executive director, they are waiting for the site to return to Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power.

Asked if the weekly market will be operating this month, Hocog said, "I don't think so."

"CUC is working on getting the power back into the community first, so that comes in secondary. It all depends on how fast CUC is giving us the power," he added.

Hocog said the Thursday Market may open sometime in October.

Earlier, CUC said they aim to have all primary lines online by the end of September and that majority of Saipan should be

online by the end of October.

The street market last opened June 11 before giving way to the Liberation Festivities.

The Thursday Market was supposed to move to Paseo de Marianas, their original location, while the Fishing Base was being used by the Liberation Festivities but was also hampered by a pending permit from the Department of Public Lands. *(Frauline S. Villanueva)*



### IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bank of Guam donates \$20,000 to the American Red Cross NMI Chapter in support of the Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts. Photo shows Marcie M. Tomokane, Bank of Guam vice president and CNMI regional manager, center, and Larry A. Philip, BOG vice president and Saipan branch manager, leftmost, presenting the check to Red Cross executive director John Hirsch, second from left, Red Cross board chair Tayna Belyeu-Camacho, second from right, and Red Cross volunteer Larry Lee, rightmost.



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Bank of Guam donates \$20,000 to Karidat in support of the Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts. Photo shows Marcie M. Tomokane, Bank of Guam vice president and CNMI regional manager, sixth from right, and Larry A. Philip, BOG vice president and Saipan branch manager, second from left, presenting the check to, from left, Calvani Deleon Guerrero, Karidat's Victim Advocacy coordinator; Esther Fleming, president of Karidat's board of directors; Elaine Cabrera, in-house counselor for Guma Esperanza; Lauri Ogomuro, Karidat's executive director; Judy Pangelinan, Karidat's administrative officer; Mable Ayuyu, Karidat board member; Fr. Ryan Jimenez; Tania P. David (AVP/operations manager); Imelda Camacho, Karidat volunteer; and other young volunteers.



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Bank of Guam donates \$10,000 to the Salvation Army in support of the Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts. Photo shows Marcie M. Tomokane, Bank of Guam vice president and CNMI regional manager, fourth from right, and Larry A. Philip, BOG vice president and Saipan branch manager, leftmost, presenting the check to Annie DLG. Gillespie and Salvation Army staff from Marshall Islands.



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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. **15-032**

Opening Date: September 03, 2015  
Closing Date: September 15, 2015  
Salary: \$35,000.00 P/A to \$40,000.00 P/A

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Education and training claimed in the Employment Application **must be** substantiated by diploma, certificate or license and original police clearance. Failure to provide complete application form or the required documents will result in automatic disqualification.



# 'IT FEELS GOOD TO BE BACK IN SCHOOL'



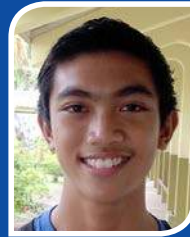
I'm **glad**. I realized school is not only for hanging out with friends but to learn more. I feel good; school makes me feel good. It is where everyone should feel being together.

**Darion Jones, 17, Senior**  
Kagman High School



**Great!** Finally, we're back! Finally we can refresh our brains.

**Joaquin Fleming**  
12, 7th Grade  
San Antonio Middle School



Awesome. **Exciting**. Interesting. It feels like we were in a long holiday and we are just coming back. Now we are back, it's more refreshing, with more interesting things to learn.

**Nehemiah Fernandez, 13, 8th Grade**  
San Antonio Middle School



I feel **nervous** because this is my first time in this school. I thought school wouldn't open but I am here. Thank you to my school (leaders) and to the (Public School System).

**Jerico Castro**  
12, 8th Grade  
Hopwood Junior High School



I am **happy** because I have to learn more. I feel like nervous also especially in introducing myself but I feel good in meeting new classmates.

**Princess Lacson, 12, 6th Grade**  
Chacha Oceanview Middle School



I'm **excited** and nervous. It is during this senior year when you are ready to (move forward) after high school. I am back home. This is really home.

**Samantha Santos, 17, Senior**  
Kagman High School.



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### Double Session Elementary School Schedules

#### 1a. Garapan Elementary School Kindergarten

AM Session: 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
PM Session: 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

#### 1b. Garapan Elementary School 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade

Morning Session  
First Bell: 7:30 a.m.  
Dismissal: 11:30 a.m.  
Bus Pick Up: 6:45 -7:00 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 11:30 a.m.

#### 1c. Garapan Elementary School 4th, 5th & 6th Grade

Afternoon Session  
First Bell: 11:55 a.m.  
Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.  
Bus Pick Up: 10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 4:00 p.m.

#### 2a. San Vicente Elementary School Kindergarten, 1st Grade & 2nd Grade

Morning Session  
First Bell: 7:25 a.m.  
Dismissal Bell: 11:30 a.m.  
Bus Pick Up: 6:45 a.m.-7:00 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 11:30 a.m.

#### 2b. San Vicente Elementary School 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade

Afternoon Session  
First Bell: 11:55 a.m.  
Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.  
Bus Pick Up: 10:45 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 4:00 p.m.

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#### Elementary Schools

First Bell: 7:30 a.m.  
Dismissal: 12:00 p.m.

#### Middle Schools

First Bell: 8:00 a.m.  
Dismissal: 12:15 p.m.

#### High Schools

First Bell: 8:00 a.m.  
Dismissal: 12:45 a.m.

### Bus Schedules

#### Elementary

Bus Pick Up: 6:45 – 7:00 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off : 11:30 a.m.

#### Middle Schools

Bus Pick Up: 7:30-7:45 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 12:15-12:30 p.m.

#### High Schools

Bus Pick Up: 7:30-7:45 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 12:15-12:30 p.m.



I was in the Philippines for summer vacation. I was worried of the typhoon. When I passed by my school, I was worried. It was dirty. Now, I feel **relieved** that the school is open and we are back.

**Celena Chan, 13, 8th Grade**  
Hopwood Junior High School



It feels good to be back in school. I look forward to a happy and good year even though (we just got through) the typhoon. Looking forward to **enjoying** my school year.

**Abner Yobech, 20, Senior**  
Saipan Southern High School



This is **good** that my school opened after the typhoon.

**Amanda Fitipol**  
13, 8th Grade  
Hopwood Junior High School



I feel excited but at the same time sad that I have to come back to school with the condition of having no power. It is hard to (concentrate) but I just have to do my work. The environment is challenging for us students. But I try to understand the situation. I am here to learn. I am **glad** and excited to be back.

**Seiji Gonzales, 12, 7th Grade**  
Chacha Oceanview Middle School



I feel great after all the tough 3 years. I am finally **looking** forward to finishing up my 4th year in high school. I look forward to having a great year and get even closer to my class.

**Finson They, 18, Senior**  
Saipan Southern High School



# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Gulf states' shameful silence on the refugees

**M**unich is some 1,600 miles from Syria, and far removed from the political and religious disputes that have fueled the 4-year-old civil war there. But in recent days, thousands of Syrian refugees have arrived there by train, to be greeted with applause, welcoming signs, tea and food.

Germans are under no special obligation to help Syrians, but the government of Chancellor Angela Merkel has agreed to take some 800,000 of them—inspiring some to proclaim the chancellor, “Mama Merkel, Mother of Outcasts.” Merkel said, “The fundamental right to asylum does not have a limitation.”

It's an easy sentiment to preach but a hard one to live. Some nations, like Germany, have gone to heroic lengths to accommodate this tragic exodus, which includes some 4 million souls. And some nations have not.

Conspicuous among them are some of Syria's wealthiest neighbors. “The six Gulf countries—Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain—have offered zero resettlement places to Syrian refugees,” notes Amnesty International.

These nations are not only physically close but have a great deal in common with Syria, particularly in language, religion, culture. They feel enough of a connection that some of their governments have provided money and weapons to groups fighting to remove Syrian President Bashar Assad. But while Germans (and others) are making room for the migrants, the Gulf states are making excuses.

They point to the \$1 billion contributed by their citizens and charitable organizations to help these Arab brethren. That's significant, but it's only a quarter of humanitarian aid furnished by the United States, the biggest donor. The U.S. has been faulted for agreeing to admit so few refugees from the Syrian conflict (1,500 so far), but that's better than the Gulf nations, which ought to feel a vastly greater responsibility, given their proximity and their wealth. The average income in Qatar is \$143,000; in Saudi Arabia, it's \$52,000.

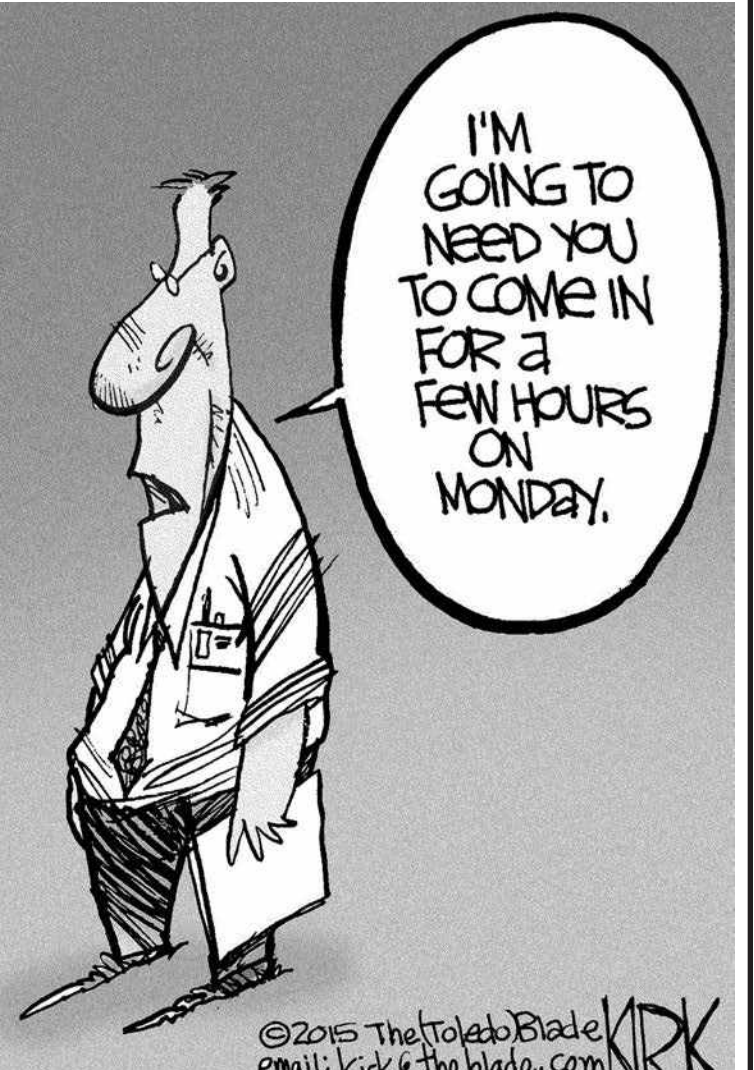
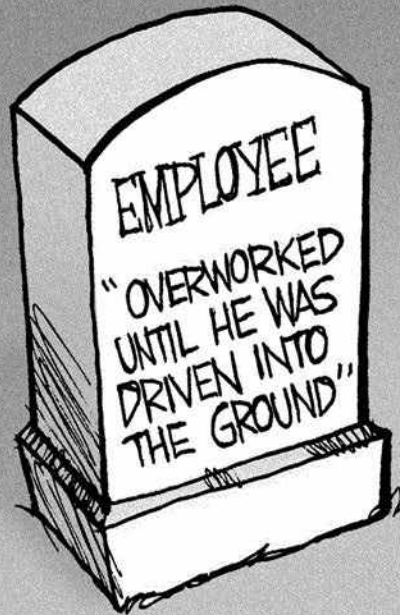
Yet these countries have evaded a burden taken on by poorer nations like Lebanon, which has 1.2 million Syrian refugees, and Jordan, which has 630,000. The Gulf countries have grounds to be wary of large inflows that could upset existing political balances. But the same could be said of Iraq, Egypt and Turkey, which have stepped up anyway.

Another rationalization is that the Gulf states have native populations that are greatly outnumbered by foreigners. In the UAE, 88 percent of residents come from elsewhere, mostly to work. In Kuwait, the figure is 70 percent. But if they can take in hordes of Indians and Filipinos to clean houses and bus tables, they should be able to absorb Syrians, who are also capable of working. The UAE has 8 million foreigners but can't take a few thousand Syrians?

Even people in the Gulf nations are embarrassed by their failure. A newspaper columnist in Kuwait lamented, “We're seeing a silence that's scandalous.” Cartoonists have caustically ridiculed the inaction. *The Washington Post* reports, “The Arabic hashtag #Welcoming\_Syria's\_refugees\_is\_a\_Gulf\_duty” was tweeted more than 33,000 times.”

Recently Egyptian telecom magnate Naguib Sawiris offered to buy an island from Greece or Italy to serve as a haven for hundreds of thousands of desperate migrants. California real estate tycoon Jason Buzi had earlier proposed founding a new na-

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## Kentucky thereby

**I**went to school in 1965 in a town southwest of Lexington, one of two major cities of Kentucky (the other is Louisville, the site of the Kentucky Derby and mistaken as the state capital, which is actually Frankfort located between the two).

The town of my school voted against the state highway coming through to halt the inroads of “modernism,” as my Christian school kept the old character of evangelicalism alive, with one side of the railroad tracks pale, and the other shaded.

As one of the few foreign students (along with two black guys from Liberia) who were not paleface, my attention was called when I sauntered into the swimming pool across campus when the weather was warm with only shorts and towel. It did not help that a friend from Indiana U got me *Playboy* that came brown-papered through the school PO, the mag popular among the students who came to borrow copies at night so “they can read the articles.” I just enjoyed the pictures.

For those of us in the CNMI, Kentucky is one of the four first 15 states that joined the Union that uses the word “Commonwealth” in their full names, the other three being Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. It has no legal meaning but derives from *commonweal* or public welfare loosely from the Latin *res publica*, from where the word “republic” comes from. The democratic nature of the word is the emphasis on “the common consent of the people” on government rather than the royal colony status from the monarch of England.

My memory of Kentucky of the mid-'60s is not our focus, though elected official Kim Davis' refusal to issue same-sex marriage licenses as mandated by the U.S. Supreme Court—not in line with her Apostolic Christian Church beliefs—is prepared to weather the contempt of court conviction, ironically *ala* MLK in Selma, Alabama of an earlier era, in her articulation. Her obstinacy in 2015 is misplaced for she mixes religious belief with that of civil law.

Not unusual to the state of my familiar, save what was considered understandable in the '60s is hardly expected in 2015. But then, so is the annual two-minute ritual of the running of the Kentucky Derby where folks dress up in their historic fineries and act appropriate of the Lord's Court of England. It spawned a two-week festival of horses.

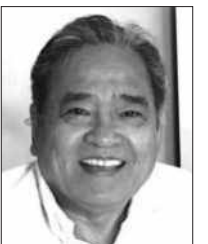
The horse farms of Kentucky are well manicured, the white fences annually brushed with paint. I once wryly commented that the farms looked better equipped than the public schools—an unsolicited view expressed by a foreigner and not locally well received. I learned to keep my mouth shut quickly, and I quietly skipped the state after two years of residence.

Two of the features of the Obama administration are its stance on individual civil rights, particularly in the choice of a living mate, and the incidence of climate change due to increased carbon emis-

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sion in the atmosphere.

Heretofore, Kentucky did not recognize same-sex legal liaisons, although the judicial branch recognized the exercise of the same as one of protected civil right. Among most of my Christian brothers and sisters in Kentucky, notwithstanding the findings of science on biology and mating preferences, the incidence of same-sex behavior is considered deviant and perverse. Thereby, the locally supported Kim Davis (300 demonstrated for Kim outside her jail) is not unusual in Kentucky.

Ironically, the first two lines of the Kentucky State anthem goes, “*The sun shines bright in the old Kentucky home, 'Tis summer, the people are gay...*” Of course, gay in the song, and gay in contemporary usage are quite different. Also, *The old Kentucky Home* song served as an anti-slavery song, as *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and Abe Lincoln born in Kentucky reveal a less than obstructionist history of the state.

If same-sex union is an offense, climate change is a delusion. Pittsburgh's steel in the late '70s kept the air misty all day. The Cuyahoga (“crooked river” to the Iroquois) in Cleveland caught fire. Ninety-seven percent of Kentucky's electrical power derives from burnt coal, gathered in tunnels on the slopes of Appalachia as well as mined in the open pits of western Kentucky.

Local politicians often bewail the state of the state's economy in what is perceived to be restrictions on coal-mining operations and coal-burning plants. The scrubbers used in the plant towers amounts to diddly compared to the air pollution emitted into the air, ironically now a commonwealth of the state! Republican Mitch McConnell, the state's senator since 1984 and the U.S. Congress' Senate majority floor leader, relishes being the “the face of Republican obstructionism” throughout Obama's term of office.

The burning of coal is at the heart of the ecological contradiction, and not unlike *Dong Bei* in China, the ash is a main culprit in the radical changes brought by unusual climate, Obama's main focus in the recent Alaska trip.

Now my old Kentucky home reared its butt, thanks to Kim Davis of the news' front page, and I feel I am back in the '60s.



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**Doble Problema:** Problema mampos para mona monedan iya Marianas ni fuetsau nina'tostus ni dos seriuso na chinatsaga guine gi mapos na mes. Mas ke siete mit na bisita kumansela biahen niha mage Marianas. Umafagcha' este yan dumespasiun kinalamten bisnis siha yan nuebu na tinituhon operasion CUC. Gaston hospitat yan eskuelan publiku nahoñg bento'ta malinge ulu pot kasi kuattru años sigidu.

U nahoñg mohon para apas pagamienton manritirau? Kuantos tiempu este na maliñgun fiñkas estake u na'lu tatte gi hagas eskalera? Dialu tafan apatten tia, lau puede nahoñg para edukasion yan hinemlu' famaguonta kontodu safu na komunida. Mattu gi nachatsaga i basnag moneda na biahe. Dos gotpe muna' aliñgkeñg iya Marianas mina' mampos dispasiu kinalamteña na biahe.

**Maase' Saina:** Gi misan enteru, mattu un' prohimu gumimen kafe. Mafaisen ginen manugue'. Ilegña na ginen manggao-gue' ayudu gi Saina. Era mamamaisen kandet sa' sumen maipe i pueñge ya esta sososgun masahalom gi maigoña.

Mafaisen haf' na ineppe guaha. "Ilegña i Saina namesñgon hau esta i Desiembre sa' taya' salape pa'gu para fahan materiat". Dios mihu! Kuattru mesis ta'lu na sasalaguan. Magahet, mas ke \$30 miyon pesos madidibi i CUC. Kanaha' mafafahan telefon yan alamlu!

**Komun Sense:** Este i mauleg na sensia (common sense) piot gi

bandan disision sumen impottante. Pa'gu 'an timana'e' hau, chamu lilihan sa' mabebende ha' "komun sense" gi Walmart. Famaisen luchan lettran "K" ya un' ayeg haf' na komun yamu!

**Diskuidu:** Dos attikulu tasoda' 'nai manmafañagu hit: tanu' dikiki' yan dañkulon tasi. Megai manguaguan na guihan yan mina gi halom tasin iya Marianas. Ni unu malagu' umekuñog sa' mas manapresisu lepblon asut—pasapotte.

Kada pumeska Japon, Taiwan yan Korea gi tasi-ta siha kumusecha guiha. Hita esta pa'gu ta apopotsu' haf' iyota desde guihan yan todú klasen minan tasi. Haf' na mampos hit mandiskuidau nu este na asunto? Guaha tiempu mohon para ta aregla este?

**Bisnis Saru':** Gi sagan kafe, sige madiskute i ladañkulu na poduñg bisnis guine deste mapos na mes. Mas i operasion bisnis u dispasiu kontodu para otu sakan. Ilegña un' amigu hu ni pa'gu humuhuchum bisnesña, "Pa'gu na tiempu, achog monkey bisnis siempre u mauleg enna u na bisnis." Dios mihu!

**Fahna:** Matachoñg ham yan amigu hu Magoo sige in' pasalista papa' haf' siha na produktu manfahna gi halom natibu. Dispues de siboyas hagu, pipinu, biriñgenas, tumates chaka, fioles yan a'gun haya magtus i listan mame.

In' atan haf' na paladat tautague i mesklau na tropa ni manhalom gi tendan neñkanu' diariu. Esta monhayen i kometsiante ha estudiaye haf' yaña i fumatoigie i tenda siha. Este na infotmasion 'nai hana' metgot mas haf' ha produduse para sigiente birada.

Mauleg tafan eyag che'chu' pinasensia yan hinimide yangin para ta prekura umadelanta deste produktun gualu esta'i tasi. Debi ta dimemoria haf' yaña i natibu kontra otu na rasan tautau.

**Inipus Silensiu:** Gi taduñg na fina' kañada inipus silensiu na esta matachoñg-yu' papa' para bai' ekuñgog kabales haf' gaige gi oriyahu. Adumidide' hu siente dispues fresku na guinaifen mañglu' ginen i fondu. Chatseguruyu' haf' sustansian ayu na silensiu i esta na tañga. Mamatkiluyu' pot para bai' ekuñgog mauleg ta'lu un' biahe.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.  
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Gi chagu' huli'e' un' galaide mababatsala halom ni kuattru na manfuetsudun lalahe. Dispues manmaliñgu 'nai ma-añkla i boti. Guaha siha fina' eku lau ti seguruyu' haf' i buruka. Hu huñgog un' linañgitan na bos palao'an sige kumanta "Hagu I Inan I Lañget". Ti huli'e' haye kumakanta lau nahoñg ni bos kulan añghet.

Adumididi' hu estirayu'. Era hagas maliñgu maigo'hu gi liyañg kanton tasi dispues de manpeska i tropa.

**Pasensia ye:** Mauleg unna' guaha tiempomu umagradese pau nuebu na initot cha'guan, katen pajaru gi aire, guinaifen mañglu' ni gumapot i hagon niyog, yan pañgpañg napu gi halom rubentason. Guiya este siha i muna' guaguaha difirensia gi kinalamten hinemlo'ta diariu.

Yangin mampos tachoneg maisa hit, pues iya hululu' ta aminasa i tatkilu' haga'. Gigon kahulu' este mas ke regulat na kinalamten, un' chachansa "stroke". Ti mauleg para hagu 'an pinalo'pu' hau stroke pot tatku' haga. Ali'e' yan medikumu ensegidas.

I puntu, piot para i manamku': Na'e animu muna' deskansan ñaihon parehu ha' tatautaumu yan hinasomu. Ti debi na hagu mismu para un' atisa muna' kahulu' haga'mu. Debi de un eyag umesgaihon papa' ya u deskansan ñaihon. Chogue diariu pot hinemlo'mu mismu.

**Katma:** Guaha 'nai un' atan papa' i katma na hanom 'nai kontodu matamu un'li'e'? Estague' na klasen katma ta aliligau diariu. Kontodu hinassta mas klaru 'an sige un' getiñg, para unna' fañuha, i ti manpresisu siha na estotbu. Natinatiye un' pas yan humidde na ginagau bendision ginen hilu' sa' areglau ha' animu.

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Kada mattuyu' ti kanton tasi, hu hahassu un' patgon ni humahagu' pasun tataña gi hilu' unai. Esta malalagu ya ha galolope ayu siha na pasu i tiha hahagu'. 'Nai kulan yayas guaha 'nai kinata-uma ya sige i dos mona. Na'magof i fietmiente ha tatitye pinekat tataña maseha esta nina' matotompu'. Animu!

'Nai echu suttteru, sumiha i dos para i guahlu' 'sino tumalaya. Ma-establese ayu na sensian kompania kulan mohon dos amigu ni uma'ayuda diariu. Umakilili' para i misan mona gi uttimon semana dispues umamotsa antes de u falag i gualu'. Estague' (buddy system) mauleg i mantata umafanague famaguon niha.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

I want to send a big thank you to the *Saipan Tribune* and James Davies from Jungle Jim Island Adventures. My father lost contact with his brother who was from Fresno, but living alone on Saipan. We had no idea exactly where he was or how he was living. I sent an email to one of your reporters asking about social services and shelters to possibly locate him and within 24 hours, he had my uncle's picture in the paper. The following day, I received emails from several Saipan residents, including James Davies (aka Jungle Jim), who helped my father connect with his brother.

We couldn't have found him without your help. I am humbled by the kindness and generosity of your residents.

Jason Baker  
San Diego, California

GULF

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tion for such exiles, so "at least they'd have a place to live in safety and be allowed to live and work like everybody else."

Some of them are lucky enough to have found a place where they can find safety and sustenance. Some of them are not. The U.S., it's fair to say, can do a lot more than it has to shelter these unfortunate souls. But the greater obligation falls on those of Syria's neighbors that have closed their doors.

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Disrupting the Islamic State, saving ancient civilization and virtual reality

Cultural touchstones hold a special place in the human heart. War and death that take place in far off regions often go unnoticed until the publicized destruction of iconic structures or famed antiquities finally bring the war home.

Yugoslavia's civil war was widely unnoticed until 1993 when centuries-old Mostar stone bridge crumpled under sustained bombing. The depravity of the Taliban's widespread violence hit many policymakers' radar screens in 2001 only after the giant 6th century Afghan Buddhas of Bamiyan were dynamited.

The recent leveling of Palmyra's famed temples at a protected UNESCO World Heritage site in Syria remind the world that a new culprit, the Islamic State, is fighting to wipe out large numbers of people and nearly all history. The world has taken note.

While struggling refugees stream out of the region, racing to Europe for survival, immobile sites and artifacts also need to survive. If there is hope for reconstructing what is left behind, destroyed, lost or stolen, however, it is in the virtual digital world developed in Silicon Valley.

The majestic Temple of Bel is only the latest inanimate victim of a brutal Islamic State war that has killed tens of thousands of people, destroyed monuments and museums, and aims for total social and cultural cleansing. There is no resurrecting the individuals killed by the Islamic State's cold cruelty and calculated killing, but defaced and destroyed objects could find a second life. The world has a history of cultural resuscitation.

In the past, shunned ideas and destroyed books survived in far off lands. Texts were meticulously hand copied, often in illuminated volumes as recounted in Thomas Cahill's bestselling "How the Irish Saved Civilization." This story of a salvaged past reminds us that distant societies can revive foreign cultural and intellectual heritage.

If the promise of today's virtual reality 3-D programmers and tool developers is realized, a future history could be written on "How Tech Geeks Saved Civilization." Pornography and gaming may be the economic drivers of today's 3-D VR development and innovation, but one of the real promises of this technology is its potential to (digitally) preserve the world.

In the mid-1990s, Silicon Graphics developed expensive supercomputers that powered virtual car crash tests, predictive weather environments, seismic modeling and also a UCLA "Rome Reborn" project (NOTE: I worked at Silicon Graphics

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at the time). This project continues to recreate a living A.D. 320 city, not a Rome of ruins, but does so now with inexpensive, off-the-shelf consumer technology.

Facebook recently spent \$2 billion to buy the developer of the VR device Oculus Rift. This head-strapped device is able to immerse individuals in virtual ancient worlds beyond imagination and preservation. On the cheaper end of the cost spectrum is Google Cardboard, a simple foldable viewer using a smart phone's accelerometer and screen to project 3-D images that move as you move.

Project Mosul is a crowdsourcing attempt to collect multiple images with enough perspective variations to recreate and digitally restore museum artifacts recently destroyed by the Islamic State in Mosul, Iraq. The project's partners are also working to recreate historic Kathmandu, a city devastated by last April's 7.9 magnitude earthquake. Programmers and archaeological researchers today are experimenting with advanced photogrammetry in order to save a wide range of cultural heritage.

Mostar's Old Bridge was rebuilt by labor, mortar and love, and reopened in 2004. Bamiyan's Buddhas are still faceless hulks, but 3-D holographic laser projections onto the pocked remains earlier this summer gave a realistic glimpse of what once proudly stood. Historic reconstruction and resurrection comes in high-tech and low-tech flavors.

Mass murdering Islamic State fighters deserve protracted punishment for their crimes against humanity just as all cultural assassins deserve global condemnation. Part of that punishment should be the knowledge that they can never wipe out the world's cultural patrimony.

It might very well be little consolation, but we can bring back to life dormant artifacts, monumental memories or entire destroyed ancient cities like Palmyra. All we may need to do is reboot.





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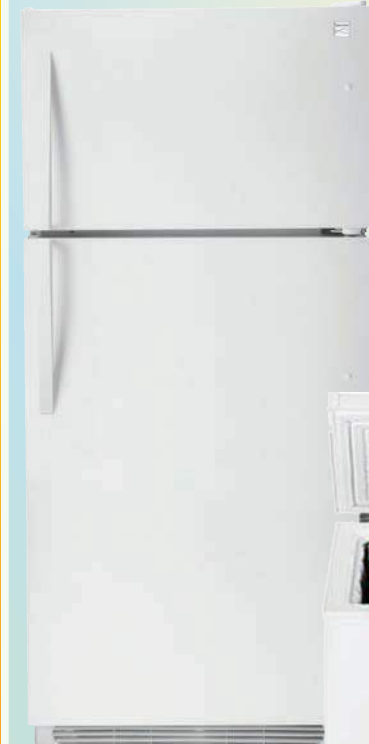
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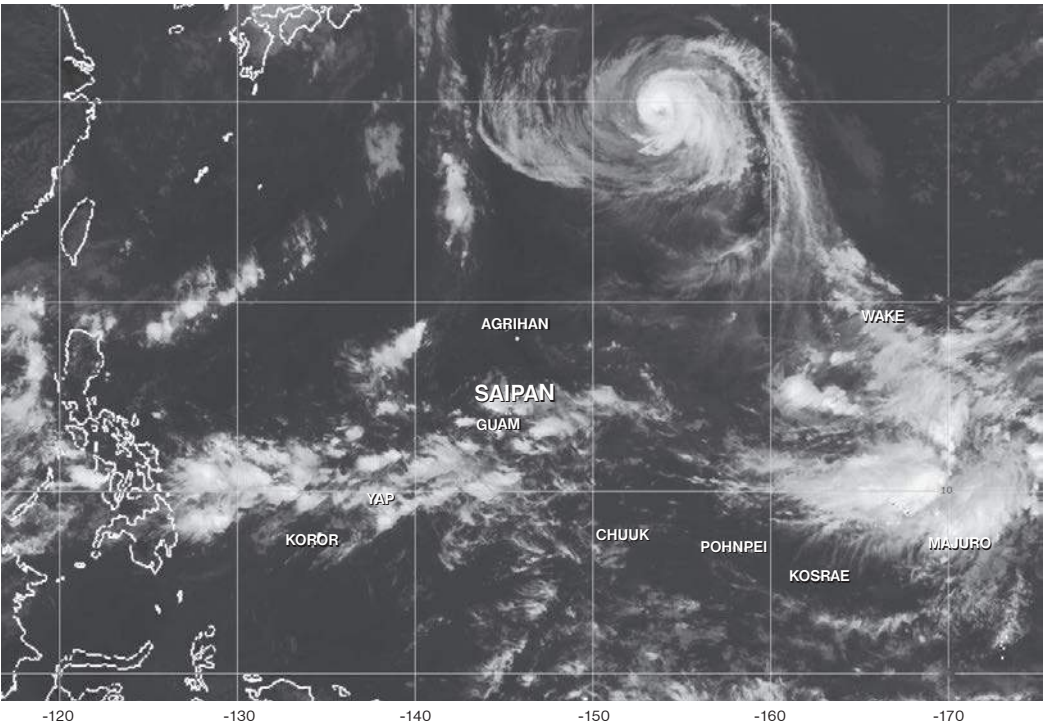


# The Weather

### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough between Minami Tori Shima and the Northern Mariana Islands is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 60 miles of 16N139E. Converging southwest to west winds are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across Yap state between 7N and 12N from 130E to 143E and from the Mariana Islands to western Chuuk State between 7N and 15N from 143E to 151E and far north of Chuuk within 50 miles of a line from 15N152E to 13N155E. A disturbance is centered northeast of Majuro near 14N176E with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across the northern Marshall Islands and Wake Island. Heavy showers are over Bikini and Utirik atolls otherwise scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are in an area bounded by a line from 20N165E to 12N174E to 8N171E to 11N158E back to 20N165E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near the date line are east of a line from 20N176E to 6N178E and just southeast of Majuro within 100 miles of 5N173E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Palau	Cloudy	▲87	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Rain	▲58	▼50
Beijing	Cloudy	▲71	▼57
Hong Kong	Showers	▲87	▼79
Honolulu	Showers	▲88	▼78
London	Sunny	▲71	▼53
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲97	▼75
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼43
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼79
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼75
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲78	▼65
Paris	Sunny	▲75	▼51
Pusan	Sunny	▲82	▼65
Rome	Sunny	▲81	▼60
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼55
San Francisco	Sunny	▲87	▼61
Seoul	Sunny	▲84	▼63
Tokyo	Showers	▲81	▼70
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼74



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Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
12:49 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
5:59 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
1:03 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
7:44 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:06 AM	6:23 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:23 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:22 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:21 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:20 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	3:24 AM	4:17 PM
Friday	4:13 AM	4:59 PM
Saturday	5:01 AM	5:39 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:17 PM
Monday	6:35 AM	6:55 PM

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UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
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OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN	UA180/5039	9:55pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM				
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM				
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM				
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

### STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

TINIAN TO SAIPAN			SAIPAN TO TINIAN			SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
			8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily			
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily			
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12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily			
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily			
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily			
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily			
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily			
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						

ROTA TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat



The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, will conduct mobile consular services on Saipan and Tinian this month.

The Saipan mission will take place on Sept. 23 to 25, from 9am to 5pm, at the Mt. Carmel Social Hall.

The outreach on Tinian will take place on Sept. 26, from 12pm to 5pm, and Sept. 27, from 9am to 5pm, both times at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

All of those interested in availing of consular services are advised to prepare the following requirements:

A. PASSPORT RENEWALS FOR SAIPAN ONLY

■ Due to the capacity limits of our passport processing equipment, we can only process up to 360 applications over the three-day mission from Sept. 23 to 25;

■ Please note that only the 360 applicants who had pre-registered during the last consular mission in May 2015 will be processed during this mission;

■ The 360 applicants on the official list are each assigned a specific date and time slot;

■ Make sure that you appear during your scheduled processing time, otherwise you may have to wait until a slot opens up;

■ Those who need to renew their passports and are not on the official list of 360 applicants to be processed for this mission can still come to pre-register and submit the necessary requirements;

■ Those who pre-register during this September mission will have their applications processed during the next consular mission;

■ Per Department guidelines, the Consular Team may extend the validity of expired passports of those who have urgent need for a valid passport;

■ The Consulate General is well aware of the issues faced by our nationals who cannot renew their passports and we are working on solutions to alleviate their situation;

■ The official list of those who have appointments will be announced on Sept. 21, 2015;

B. PASSPORT RENEWAL FOR TINIAN ONLY

■ Applicants for the passport renewal will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis based on the listed names submitted by Rod Cabarles to the Consulate General. Applicants are advised to prepare the copies of the required documents for the renewal of passport as indicated below.

Requirements for renewal of GREEN Philippine passport:

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport
3. Original passport
4. Payment of ePassport Fee (\$60)

Requirements for renewal of BROWN/MAROON Philippine passport

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of

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passport

3. Photocopy of birth certificate
4. Original passport
5. Payment of ePassport Fee (\$60)

Requirements for LOST Philippine passport

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport (if available)
3. Birth certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
4. Police Report
5. Notarized Affidavit of Loss (\$25)
6. Payment of Lost Passport Fee: \$90 (Green/Maroon) or \$150 (ePassport)

C. REGISTRATION FOR OVERSEAS VOTING FOR THE MAY 9, 2016 PHILIPPINE ELECTIONS

All citizens of the Philippines who are abroad, at least 18 years of age on the day of the elections (May 9, 2016), and who are registered overseas voters, may vote for president, vice president, senators and party-list representatives.

Personal appearance is necessary as the voter registration process requires the intake of a person's biometric data. Applicants should present proof of Philippine citizenship, such as a valid Philippine passport or NSO-issued certificate of birth.

D. FOR CIVIL REGISTRY AND NOTARIAL SERVICES

All applications for civil registry and notarial services will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants are advised to prepare the originals and copies of the required documents as indicated below:

Report of Birth (\$25)

1. Original Birth Certificate plus five copies
2. If applicable, Original Marriage Certificate of Parents plus five copies
3. Valid Passport of Parents plus five copies; If Passport is expired, valid government issued ID plus five copies
4. US Naturalization Certificate of Parent plus five copies, if parent is already a US Citizen at the time of application
5. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Birth (\$25), if filed more than one (1) month from birth of child
6. For Illegitimate children using surname of father, Affidavit to Use Surname of Father (\$25)
7. Duly accomplished ROB Form, signed in front of consular officer

Report of Marriage (\$25)

1. Original Marriage Certificate plus five copies
2. Original Birth Certificate of Filipino spouse plus five copies
3. Valid Passports of both parties plus five copies each; if passport is expired, valid government issued ID plus five copies
4. 2x2 photo (white background) of each of the spouses
5. For parties with previous marriage/s:
  - a. For US citizens, Final De-

cree of Divorce plus five copies

- b. For Filipino citizens, Annotated Marriage Certificate from NSO showing details of Annulment plus five copies OR Judgment of Philippine Court Recognizing Final Decree of Divorce issued by a foreign court
- c. For widows/widower, Death Certificate of deceased spouse

6. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Marriage (\$25), if filed more than one (1) month from celebration of marriage
7. For those whose spouses are non-Filipinos, duly accomplished CFO form
8. Duly accomplished ROM Form signed in front of consular officer

Report of Death (\$25)

1. Original Death Certificate plus copies
2. Duly accomplished ROD Form

Acknowledgements (SPA, General Power of Attorney, Contracts), Jurat (Affidavits)

1. Valid Passport or government issued ID (i.e., driver's license) of signatory plus copy
2. Must sign document in front of consular officer
3. Payment of \$25 fee

For NBI Clearance Application (\$25)

1. Completely accomplished NBI Form (to be provided by the Philippine Consulate Team). Said form must be brought to the local Police Station for fingerprinting. Applicants must ensure that the police officer taking the fingerprints must sign in the "Impressions Taken By" field.
2. One 2x2 photo (to be pasted on the form)
3. Original Valid Passport

and two (2) copies (Data and Signature Page of the passport)

Authentication/Verification of Employment Contracts

1. Job Order  
Attachments: USCIS Approval  
Company License  
Passport of Signatory (Employer)

2. Special Power of Attorney  
Attachments: Company License  
Passport of Signatory (Employer)
3. Recruitment Agreement  
Attachments: Company License  
Passport of Signatory (Employer)
4. Individual or Group Employment Contract  
Attachments: Company License  
Passport of Signatory (Employer)

Following are the applicable fees for these services:

Document	Authentication Fee	DOLE Verification Fee
Job Order	\$25	\$10
SPA	\$25	\$10
Recruitment Agreement	\$25	\$30
Individual Contract	\$25	\$10
Group Contract	\$25	\$30

Please note that all applicants for the above services will be required to photocopy the signed documents after processing. For questions or clarifications regarding the mobile consular outreach, please call the Consulate General at (671) 646-4620/30. (PCG)

# In Humble Gratitude

*Our Mother Merced lived a full and cherished life. She was blessed with her life love Dionicio, a wonderful family, loving siblings, and caring friends. This celebration of her life would only be fitting with the fullest expression of appreciation and thanks to those helping and loving hands that contributed to that experience of life. Dr. Ahmad Al Alou and his staff at the Pacific Medical Center provided loving care for many years to our Mother. He is patient, kind and caring. For many years Mom was cared for by Yolanda "Yolly" Delos Santos, her caregiver. "Caregiver" is but a synonym to describe caring hands, loving hands, and capable hands.*

*Condolences and support come in many forms and in many ways. Each of us has received direct words, texts, e mails, and messages from near and far expressing their kind thoughts and prayers for our Mother. At the same time, many helping hands and giving hands have given much—so much. During this time of great challenges and the strife from a natural disaster, your consolation weathers the pain and we are buoyed by your strength. Thank you, to each of you.*

*The nurses, aides, and staff at the Commonwealth Health Center D-Side provided loving care and treatment for our Mother. It is one thing to do one's job as a nurse, and it is an entirely significant and different thing to do it with compassion, care and attention. Our Mother received THE BEST, bar none, in competent and compassionate care. In addition, Dr. John Tudela and Dr. Joel Smith provided the patient and understanding treatment which our Mother received. Our Mother's days at CHC were filled with her constant desire to "go home" and with each saying the nurses smiled and indeed, she is now in our Father's House—home with our father Dionicio.*

*We appreciate the support of our Mother's siblings, in-laws, and our cousins during the period of care for our Mother toward her final days. Manny and Angie Mangarero provided beautiful music consoling our hearts. Marvin Deleon Guerrero and Joe Babauta, Jr. provided gentle and beautiful serenades as did Delbert Pua. The celebration was of a life fulfilled. May each of you experience the joy of motherhood, the loving touches, and kisses of a Mother's life. We did and our cups overflow because of it, and we are blessed because of her.*

*The Children of †Dionicio Camacho Torres and †Merced Tenorio Torres (Nobby, Joe, Lupe, Pres, Bobbie and Robert)*



# NMI joins 17<sup>th</sup> annual Nippon Domannaka Festival

Through the Marianas Visitors Authority and Pacific Development Inc., the Northern Mariana Islands sent a delegation to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Nippon Domannaka Festival held on Aug. 28-30, 2015, in Nagoya, Japan. Participants returned with school supplies and mosquito coils donated by the festival organizers for needy families on Saipan recovering from Typhoon Soudelor.

"Despite light showers, this year's festival was again well received by the public in Japan," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "We're grateful to have been invited again as one of only a few foreign performing groups, and we are especially grateful for the kindness of the organizers in sending to Saipan school

supplies for children affected by the typhoon."

The donation included 750 mosquito coils, 2,000 pencils, 800 notebooks, and 800 erasers, which were distributed by Team PDI and radio station KKMP to Chacha Oceanview Middle School, Garapan Elementary School, and at the station.

"It's been 13 years since Chamolinian Cultural Village Inc. and Team PDI introduced this cultural exchange program, which is one of the many successful arrangements that we continue to promote through brochures, news media and television nationwide in Japan," said director Gordon Marciano of PDI. "Our CNMI Domatsuri team continues to foster a goodwill relationship

with and to market our destination at Nagoya Domatsuri, one of the biggest summer events

in Japan."

The NMI delegation of indigenous Carolinian dancers was

one of 207 teams and 20,000 dancers that entertained over a million festival goers. In addition

to performing every day, the group joined festival parades on Aug. 29 and 30. (MVA)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the Northern Mariana Islands delegation to the 17th Annual Nippon Domannaka Festival pose with local supporters in Japan during the festival, held on Aug. 28-30, 2015, in Japan.

## St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc. Job Vacancy Announcement

### Registered Nurse (04)

- Must pass NCLEX-RN with current CNMI RN License
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- One to Five years experience in hemodialysis or related field
- English language skills – proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- In-service training with Baxter Phoenix Machines
- Experience with Ameriwater Bicarbonate Distribution System

### Hemodialysis Technicians (05)

- Certificate from Junior College/Technician School in Healthcare or related field
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Three years hemodialysis experience preferred
- English language skills – proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Flexible with time schedule

### Water Treatment Technician (02)

- Must be able to perform task which may not appear difficult at first glance, but requires a high degree of knowledge and experience to properly operate and maintain
- Operational knowledge of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems
- Knowledge of the theory of fluid dynamics
- Understand the mathematical relationships and common formulas of basic water treatment and distribution systems
- Know the specific operations of the water treatment distribution systems, unique to a dialysis unit
- Be familiar with infection control of hemodialysis facilities, safety & life safety policies
- Pass the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency test for Certified Water Treatment and Distribution Operators Level II
- Understand plumbing code and plumbing techniques
- Be able to demonstrate safe working techniques, proper plumbing techniques, when working pressure vessels
- Able to demonstrate proper plumbing techniques especially when working with PVC
- To accept and perform all other duties as may be assigned

### Building Maintenance and Repair (03)

- Perform a variety of preventive maintenance and repair tasks on the facilities equipment, including some of the more complex repair task
- Perform preventive maintenance and makes routine repairs to electrical, plumbing and security systems
- Perform rough and finish carpentry work and takes the lead on projects such as building and paneling walls and petitions
- Install solar panels with experience in the maintenance of PV Models
- Maintains and repairs various equipment
- High School Graduate or Equivalent

### Commercial Cleaners (02)

- Operate various mechanized cleaning equipment, such as vacuums, buffers and etc.
- Maintain facility in a sanitary and infection-free condition through washing, cleaning and replacement of equipment and furnishings
- Requires working in a damp, dusty and dirty areas. Must clean up human waste and other body fluids as required
- Responsible for disposal of trash, waste and other disposable materials
- Must handle various cleaning solvents and chemicals that is required by Medicare
- Damp dust furniture, light fixtures, windows and etc.
- Empty trash containers daily
- Clean and mop bathrooms daily. Mop all corridor floors, lobby and other floors daily
- Report any needed repairs immediately
- Check entire area for spills, water, etc., periodically, especially in patients areas and lobby
- Use safety precautions in all housekeeping and post occupancy
- Required to maintain and clean in an orderly manner at the business office, Dr.'s office, accounting office, dietician and clinic managers' office
- Must be able to work flexible hours
- Must have their own transportation

Interested applicants must submit resume or pick up an application at St. Jude Renal Care Facility Inc. in Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit an application or resume will be on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 4:00pm. For more information, please call 234-2901 ext. 128.

## Housing task force meets to assist renters

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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REPORTER

The CNMI government is looking to help Typhoon Soudelor victims rebuild and make

homes less vulnerable to natural disasters.

A state-led "Disaster Housing Task Force" met yesterday for their third meeting since forming to develop strategies to as-

sist individuals in need of housing assistance.

According to information obtained from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, whose officials represent the Gov. Eloy S. Inos administration in the task force group, local agencies are coordinating with Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Recovery Center to update the inventory of rental units available to those in need.

The inventory is intended for individuals wanting to participate in FEMA's rental assistance program.

Led by the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., Commonwealth Development Authority, and Inos administration officials, the task force has been making calls to rental properties for the price

and availability of units, and if the units are American Disability Act compliant, and if power and water are available.

The task force aims to assist in "patchwork" rebuilding with the goal of ensuring they give the information and resources individuals need to make sure houses eventually catch up to code and are more resilient to natural disasters.

The task force's long-term goals are to rebuild and strengthen island homes.

The local Red Cross chapter has reported about 1,070 home destroyed, while FEMA has reported about 80 homes destroyed, with about 900 home inspections more to go, according to information made available to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Century Hotel is inviting qualified U.S. Citizens to apply for the following vacant position

### (1) General Maintenance Worker

Minimum of 2 years work experience as a handyman preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex is required. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift over 30 lbs. Must be flexible to work holidays and week-ends. Willing to perform a variety of support task. Must possess a valid driver's license.

Application may be picked up and submitted to Fiesta Resort's security office located in the South Wing. A drug test must be passed as a condition of employment. Closing date: September 16, 2015

Century Hotel is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and persons with Disabilities are urged to apply

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is inviting qualified U.S. Citizens to apply for the following vacant position

### Position: (1) Landscaping Supervisor

Qualifications: Must have 5 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel. Able to directly supervise and coordinate activities and work schedule of employees engaged in landscaping grounds keeping activities.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's south wing. Deadline for submission of application is September 18, 2015.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

## ST. JUDE RENAL CARE FACILITY, INC.

### (2) Hemodialysis Technician

- Certified from a Junior College/Technician School in Healthcare
- Attended a Hemodialysis Training Program
- Three years Hemodialysis experienced preferred
- English language skills – proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Flexible with time schedule

### (1) Registered Nurse

- Must Pass NCLEX-RN with current CNMI RN License
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Must hold a degree in Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- One to two years hemodialysis experience or related field
- English language skills – proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- In-Service training with Baxter Phoenix Machine
- Experience in Ameriwater Bicarbonate Distribution System

Interested applicants must submit an application or resume to St. Jude Renal Care Facility Inc., at Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit an application will be on Friday, September 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call (670) 234-2901 ext. 128.

## HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION Job Vacancy Announcement

### Registered Nurse (01)

- Must pass NCLEX with current CNMI RN license
- Must hold a degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- At least two to five year's experience
- English language skills – proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

### Front Office Manager (01)

- At least with over six year's experience in medical billing, electronic health records and practice partner record
- Must be familiar with medical terminology, ICD 9, coding of medical procedures and diagnosis
- College Graduate
- English language skills – proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Must be a certified pharmacy technician
- Must be proficient in computer skills, spreadsheet and general accounting skills

### Ultrasound/X-Ray Technician (01)

- At least six year's experience or related field
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Radiology Technology
- Must have over six year's experience in electronic health and practice partner records
- Experience/knowledgeable with practice partner software in electronic health records usage
- Licensed by Medical Professional Licensing Board, CNMI

### General Yard Maintenance (02)

- At least two years' experience with preferred skills
- Experienced in assisting a building construction/renovation
- Maintain the interior and exterior of the clinic in a neat and orderly condition
- Maintain plants by transplanting and fertilizing
- Assist in cleaning the clinics' air conditionings
- Flexible in assisting other related maintenance duties
- Flexible with time schedule

### Healthcare Clinic System Manager (01)

- Minimum of three to five years work related skills, knowledge or experience
- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent
- Maintain specialized computer programs relating to healthcare operations (medical billing, patients record, scheduler)
- Maintain all of the company's computer system including computer hardware, software, network and advance servers
- Oversee medical billing department by utilizing specialized computer software
- Oversee administrative areas and designs, develop and maintain paperless computer system
- Building maintenance repair, electronic records and prescription with meaningful use in compliance with Medicare and Medicaid standards
- Perform other duties as may be assigned

Interested applicants must submit a resume or pick up an application at Saipan Health Clinic in Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit an application or resume will be on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 4:00pm. For more information, please call 234-2901 ext. 128.



# Latest info on status of Saipan’s power, water, wastewater

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues the recovery and restoration of Saipan’s power and water systems with the assistance of local, regional and federal partners. Here is the latest information about Saipan’s power, water and wastewater capabilities.

**Power**  
Islandwide recovery efforts are carried out by an international team dedicated to the restoration of Saipan’s generation, transmission and distribution capabilities.

All of the primary lines on each of Saipan’s eight feeders are projected to be online by the end of September and the majority of Saipan should be online by the end of October. Customers near the primary lines will be among the first to receive power while restoration will take longer for customers living farther from the primary lines and those with more damage.

**Personnel**  
CUC Saipan linemen are currently supported by their peers from Rota, Tinian, Rhode Island, Palau, Yap, Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Guam.

**Generation**  
CUC is currently able to generate 31.1MW of electricity as primary

power generation has migrated from Power Plant 4 in Puerto Rico to Power Plant 1 in Lower Base. As the restoration of Saipan’s main production facility continues, we expect another 20MW to come online within the next two weeks.

**Power Plant 4**  
Power Plant 4 is currently able to produce 6.1MW of electricity from Generators 2 (2.1MW), 3 (2.1MW), 7 (.95MW), and 9 (.95MW). The plant is currently standing in reserve.

**Power Plant 1**  
Power Plant 1 currently produces 10MW of electricity from Generator 5 with an additional 15MW ready to use from Generators 1 (5.5MW), 2(4.0MW), and 3(5.5MW). Restoration of the consoles and generators continues, leading to additional generation capability in the near future. Generator 6 (10MW) is being dried and a test run is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 10. Generator 7 (10MW) is also drying and is scheduled for testing next week.

**Distribution**  
CUC and its partners from the Guam Power Authority, Yap Utilities, Palau, Kosrae, and Pohnpei have erected a power poles in the villages of

Garapan, Puerto Rico, Chalan Kiya, Lower Base, Navy Hill, As Lito, San Vicente, Chalan Laulau, Kagman, Capital Hill, Tanapag, San Roque, Lower Base, Oleai, Dandan, and the vicinity of the airport.

The underground cable from Power Plant 1 to the Chalan Kiya Substation has been activated. As a result, the Saipan International Airport and vast water production resources are now on island power. CUC estimates we have energized 35 percent of our total network.

**Transformer recovery**  
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has taken on the responsibility of recovering and disposing of damaged transformers. As of 2pm, Sept. 8, the CUC/EPA Transformer Team collected a total of 456 downed transformers.

**Water**  
CUC now provides limited water service to nearly every village on Saipan. As our ability to provide power to the island increases, our ability to energize wells will increase water production. Until CUC is able to energize each of Saipan’s 150 wells, our Water Division is working to deliver islandwide water service, albeit in a limited capacity,

using a network of generators from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**Limited water service operation testing**  
Water is pumped into our reservoirs overnight through a combination of pumps powered by CUC and by the generators provided by FEMA. Every morning, our engineers and operations staff record the water level inside of the tanks and calculate how many gallons of water per minute our wells are able to produce.

When water from the tanks is released into the system, our engineers and operations staff record the water level drop inside of the tank and calculate how much water it takes to pressurize the lines. Once this happens, our crews continue to monitor the water level inside of the tanks to determine how much water is used by customers inside the service area.

While this happens, our crews also monitor the service area for leaks and dispatch repair crews to problem areas. In order to isolate the service areas, the same crews are responsible for driving through the villages, opening and closing valves.

As each reservoir serves mul-

tle areas, our crews must repeat this process multiple times to ensure that all of our customers receive limited water service.

**Water testing areas**  
Engineers and Operations personnel continue testing Gualo Rai and Garapan. Given the challenges to water production and distribution posed by Typhoon Soudelor, it is critical for the community to immediately notify CUC of any water leaks. To report water leaks, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (4282).

**Forecasting**  
CUC Engineering and Operations personnel continue testing the villages of Upper Chalan

**Safety precaution**  
As a precaution, all water provided by CUC will need to be sanitized through the use of chlorine bleach or boiling before it can be used by the community.

**FOR BOILING:** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

**FOR CHLORINATING:** Alternatively, customers may also disinfect their water with bleach using the following measurements:

CONTAINER SIZE	AMOUNT OF BLEACH	
	CLEAR WATER	CLOUDY WATER
1 GALLON	3 DROPS	6 DROPS
5 GALLON	15 DROPS	30 DROPS
55 GALLON	1-½ TEASPOONS	1 TABLESPOON
100 GALLON	3 TEASPOONS	2 TABLESPOONS
500 GALLON	5 TABLESPOONS	½ CUP
1,000 GALLON	½ CUP	1 CUP

Kiya, Garapan, and As Perdido. As engineers and operations personnel receive results, an established schedule for limited water service will be released.

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## Despite Soudelor, CHCC still on top of MERS, Ebola monitoring

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Despite having their hands full due to the influx of patients immediately after Typhoon Soudelor and then expending resources for mobile clinics in the recovery effort, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. says it is still on top of the Middle Eastern Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) and the Ebola virus.

Warren Villagomez, CHCC hospital and emergency preparedness program director, said the Division of Public Health

has strengthened its early warning epidemic disease surveillance including surveillance on influenza-flu like symptoms.

The recent global threats from the Ebola virus disease in West Africa and MERS in Korea highlighted the need for a high degree of vigilance and strong disease detection capabilities.

“There are risks of enhanced disease transmission and outbreaks increase after disasters, especially severe disasters like Typhoon Soudelor, and we need to ensure that any disease outbreak is rapidly identified and

controlled,” CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña said.

According to DPH, in post-disaster settings multiple factors, including damage to water, sanitation and power infrastructure, increases the risks of diarrhea, respiratory, and other infections.

Muna noted that after the typhoon, CHCC implemented an enhanced and integrated early warning alert and response system in shelters, the community, and health facilities. This also strengthens the local and national health security concerns.

“There are a lot of threats out

there and because our incident command structure’s ardent staff, we have created strike teams and task force for the Division of Public Health,” Villagomez said.

In related news, a mobile clinic from CHCC will be partnering with the Community Outreach Recovery Effort members that are under the hospital’s CNMI Medical Reserve Corps.

However, CHCC’s incident command control, which is still ongoing, has yet to give the date and details of the mobile clinic’s schedule and destination.

## Daughters unite in resisting mom’s domineering demands

**DEAR ABBY:** At what point does a parent no longer have the right to know who their child’s friends are?

I have three grown daughters, all on their own, living on the other side of the country. During a recent visit home for their grandmother’s birthday, I asked each of them to give me all of their friends’ phone numbers, in case I couldn’t reach them. I also wanted to know who they were exactly, how well they knew them, etc. I was simply thinking of their safety. If I can’t reach my girls, I want to know who might have seen them last and, if need be, give that information to the police.

Abby, all three of them told me NO! They said they are grown women and can take care of themselves, and besides, if, God forbid, they didn’t want to answer their phone when I called, I sure as h--- didn’t need to be pestering their friends.

They say they are adults, and that we (their dad and I) no longer have the right to “dictate” who they are friends with. I say I’m their mother and no matter how old they get, I will ALWAYS have the right to know who they are friends with. I would appreciate your thoughts.

RENEE IN OREGON

**DEAR RENEE:** I agree that you are their mother, but you are not your daughters’ parole officer. They are self-supporting, self-sufficient adults. Perhaps if you were less overbearing, your daughters would be living closer, would answer their phones more often when you call and would open up to you about their friendships. Frankly, I think you should apologize

for giving them such a heavy-handed third degree.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I had dinner with some other couples at an elegant, white linen tablecloth restaurant. After the meals were brought to the table, someone said, “We need to pray.” In this quiet, candlelit setting, a “Bless us, oh Lord ...” was spoken aloud by most of the people in our party, causing heads to turn at a number of nearby tables. Undoubtedly, the din sounded like chanting. I was embarrassed.

Please understand, we are religious and we pray aloud in church, but not in restaurants. I have seen people bow their heads and pray privately, which seems more appropriate. Is there a rule of etiquette about praying in a restaurant?

SILENTLY PRAYING FOR ADVICE

**DEAR SILENTLY PRAYING:** Yes, there is. In restaurants, praying should be done quietly and inconspicuously to avoid distracting other diners.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I love my friends and enjoy going out to dinner, and attending plays and movies with them. However, something really annoys me. My husband and I are usually early, and when we go to the movies, our friends ask us to pick up the tickets if we arrive first. After the movie we’ll grab a bite to eat and at the end of the evening say goodbye.

The question is, how do we ask them for the money we laid out for the tickets if they forget to offer it? This has happened three

### DEAR ABBY

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times with different friends and we’re out the money.  
ANNOYED IN TEANECK

**DEAR ANNOYED:** There are a couple of ways to do it: As you hand the tickets over, you might say, “That’ll be \$20, please.” But if that’s uncomfortable for you, the following day, you or your husband should call these “forgetful” friends and ask them to send you a check.

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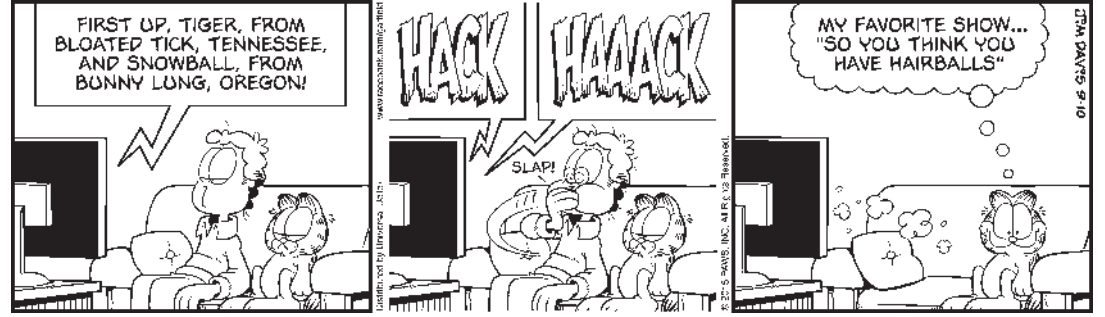
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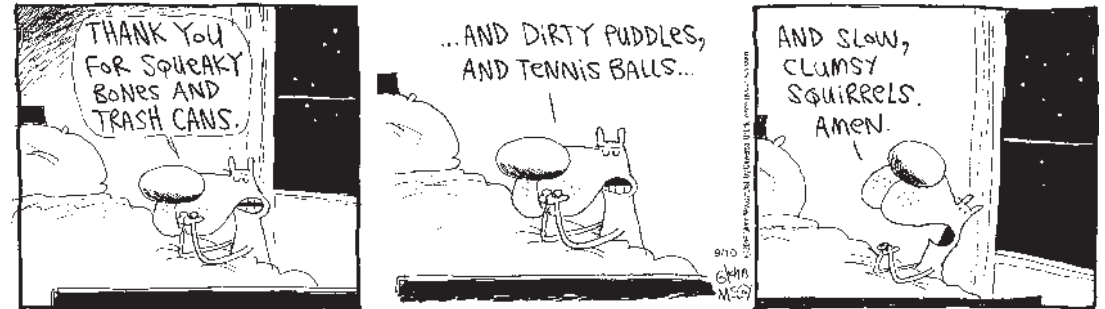
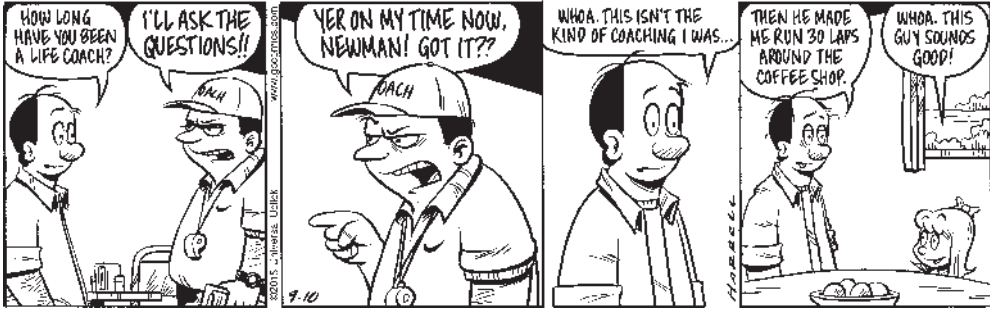


## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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22 Memorable mission

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28 Former larva

31 "A pox upon thee!"

32 Soviet space station

33 Turf

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25 Have a bug

26 Wonderland event

27 Writer Kingsley

29 "The Raven" man

30 Woodworking tool

35 Young dog

37 Nudge

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40 Vast expanse

41 Counterfeit

42 Wife of Zeus

43 Molt

44 Teensy bit

45 Waiter's hand-out

46 Work measures

49 Honest politician

50 Anonymous John

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 9-10

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Ryan Phillippe, 44; Colin Firth, 55; Amy Irving, 62; Joe Perry, 65.

**Happy Birthday:** Learn from the experts. The knowledge you pick up will result in financial rewards. Use your skills along with the information you gather to formulate upgrades to the way you do your job. Staying ahead of the competition will ensure your success as long as you don't take on unnecessary debt. Use your imagination and initiate changes. Your numbers are 6, 10, 17, 23, 26, 32, 46.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** A networking event will boost your confidence and make you realize how much you have to offer. A special relationship will flourish if you discuss long-term plans. Update your look and take on a physical challenge. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Concentrate on what you can change, not on what you cannot. Don't waste your time trying to please someone who is impossible to satisfy. Learn from past mistakes and revamp an old skill or hobby that has come back in style. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't feel you have to take on someone else's responsibilities. Keep your life simple, stick to the truth and put time aside to spend with the people you love the most. Interacting with children or your lover will make you happy. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Accept the inevitable and find a way to make it work for you. Adaptability is a quality that can

help you stand out and be noticed. If you are able to make do with what you've got, you will come out on top. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Emotions will run close to the surface. Express your true feelings and you will bring about the changes you want to see happen. Be the first to jump into action when it comes to trying something new. Your enthusiasm will be infectious. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** An investment, settlement or contract you have been working on will pay off. The inside information you come across will help you make an important decision regarding a partnership proposal. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your intuition and intelligence will pay off. Follow your gut feeling and don't look back. Put an end to a situation that has made you feel vulnerable. Choose the people you want to have in your life. Romance is encouraged. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't fight a losing battle. You are better off looking for a way to turn something you enjoy doing into a lucrative pastime. Don't let love stand between you and your success. Stick close to home and explore your options. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Plan a trip, but stay within your budget. Pick up new information and skills, and be sure to enjoy some downtime with someone you love in order to make the most of your day. A change you make will pay off. ★★★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Negotiate a deal or invest your time and energy into something you know will pay off. Taking forceful action will result in a sudden change you didn't expect. Be prepared to move forward regardless of what others do. ★★★★★



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Be the one to instigate a change in what you do for a living. Spend time nurturing a relationship with someone you love and you will come to an agreement regarding domestic matters and lifestyle choices. ★★★★★



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** An unusual way to make money will develop. Don't ignore the signals that someone is sending you. Your imaginative approach to whatever you do will capture attention. Added discipline will help you finish what you start and lead to greater opportunities. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are outgoing, insightful and unique. You are unpredictable and popular.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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JURCHEN JIN DYNASTY

Solution: 9 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Believe

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# Serena beats Venus at US Open to extend Slam bid



**NEW YORK** (AP)—For stretches of the 27th edition of Williams vs. Williams, Venus gave Serena all she could handle.

And when Serena took control down the stretch to emerge with a 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 victory in a well-played U.S. Open quarterfinal, allowing her to continue pursuing the first calendar-year Grand Slam in more than a quarter-century, a smiling Venus wrapped both arms around her little sister for a warm hug at the net and whispered, "So happy for you."

"Obviously we are very, very tough competitors on the court," Serena said later, "but once the match is over, the second it's done, you know, we're sisters, we're roommates, and we're all that."

Serena called their unique sibling rivalry "the greatest story in tennis," and who would argue? A couple of kids taught by their dad on cement courts in Compton, California, making it all the way to the top.

With two more match wins, the No. 1-ranked Serena would become the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to collect all four Grand Slam titles in a single season. Plus, if she can win what would be her fourth U.S. Open in a row, and seventh overall, she would equal Graf with 22 major championships, the most in the professional era and second-most ever behind Margaret Court's 24.

"That would be huge, not just for me, but for my family, just



AP  
Serena Williams, left, hugs Venus Williams after winning their quarterfinal match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, in New York.

for what it represents and how hard we have worked and where we come from. So it would be a moment for our family," said the 23rd-seeded Venus, who is 15 months older. "But at the same time, if it doesn't happen it's not going to make or break

you. We don't have anything to prove. She has nothing to prove. She's really the best ever."

Serena is 16-11 in their all-in-the-family matches, including 9-5 in majors and 3-2 at the U.S. Open. And 14 years to the day after Venus beat Serena in the 2001

final at Flushing Meadows, they met again with so much at stake.

Well-known folks such as Donald Trump—who was booed when shown on video screens—Oprah Winfrey and Kim Kardashian dotted the teeming stands in Arthur Ashe

Stadium, and the sellout crowd of 23,771 got its money's worth.

"They both played their best," said Serena's coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "If they were feeling uncomfortable with playing each other, they could not play at that level."

The sisters combined for 57 winners (Serena had more, 35) and only 37 unforced errors (Venus had fewer, 15). How close was it? Serena won 76 points, Venus 75.

Both pounded serves fast, very fast, each topping 120 mph. Both returned well, oh so well, each managing to put into play at least one serve at more than 115 mph by the other.

Venus often attempted to end baseline exchanges quickly. Serena showed tremendous touch by using drop shots, one paired with a backhand passing winner, another with a perfectly curled lob.

When a reporter implied he wasn't sure whether Venus really wanted to beat Serena, the reply was drenched with incredulity.

"I tried," Venus replied. "Were you there?"

On Thursday, Serena faces unseeded Robert Vinci of Italy, who reached her first Grand Slam semifinal at age 32 by outlasting Kristina Mladenovic 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

In the men's quarterfinals, No. 1 Novak Djokovic defeated 18th-seeded Feliciano Lopez of Spain 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (2) in a match that ended at after 1 a.m. Wednesday. Djokovic's semifinal opponent Friday will be defending champion Marin Cilic, who edged 19th-seeded

Jo Wilfried-Tsonga 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-4.

The 43rd-ranked Vinci is playing in the 44th major tournament of her singles career, the second-most appearances by a woman before reaching her initial semifinal. Vinci is 0-4 against Serena and joked about wearing a helmet for protection from some of the 33-year-old American's booming shots.

"She's the favorite. Maybe she'll feel the pressure. Who knows? It all depends on her. If she serves well, it's tough to return," Vinci said. "But I have nothing to lose."

Against Venus, Serena earned a key break to lead 2-0 in the third set thanks to a down-the-line backhand winner that landed in a corner, then she gritted her teeth, held clenched fists near her head and leaned forward, holding the pose. When she got to match point as a shot by Venus sailed long, Serena dropped to a knee behind the baseline and pumped an arm, her back to her sister.

Serena then smacked a 107 mph ace, her 12th, to end it.

At 35, the oldest woman to enter the tournament, Venus had her own reasons for wanting to beat Serena, of course. She hasn't reached the semifinals at any Grand Slam tournament since the 2010 U.S. Open, and might have considered this her last, best chance to collect an eighth major singles championship of her own. Mouratoglou was asked whether Venus can do that.

"I think so," he responded, "except if she plays Serena."



**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Kirk Nieuwen-

huis hit a tiebreaking, pinch-hit homer in the eighth inning off Jonathan Papelbon as the resilient New York Mets rallied from a six-run deficit to beat the Washington Nationals 8-7 Tuesday night after Matt Harvey struggled on the mound.

The Mets' second straight comeback win over Washington extended their lead in the NL East to six games.

Perhaps making one of his final starts of the regular season, Harvey gave up a career high seven runs on eight hits in 5 1-3 innings and left with New York trailing 7-1.

## Cubs 8, Cardinals 5

In St. Louis, Starlin Castro and Anthony Rizzo homered and combined for seven RBIs as Chicago earned its fifth straight win, beating St. Louis 8-5 in the middle game of a three-game series.

The Cardinals have the best record in the majors at 87-51, but have dropped five of six. Their lead over Pittsburgh in the NL Central slipped to 4 1/2 games. The Cubs are 6 1/2 back and are second in the NL wild

## Mets rally past Nationals 8-7 after Harvey struggles

card race behind the Pirates.

### Pirates 7, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, Andrew McCutchen hit a three-run homer and left-hander Francisco Lirio pitched six shutout innings as he finally beat Cincinnati on his 11th try, leading Pittsburgh to a victory.

The Pirates are 5-10 this season against the Reds, who have dominated their Ohio River rivalry over the last two years.

### Royals 4, Twins 2

In Kansas City, Missouri, Eric Hosmer hit a three-run double, Kendrys Morales drove in another run and Kansas City hung tough through eight more innings for a victory over Minnesota that ended a four-game skid.

Edinson Volquez (13-7) settled down after a shaky start to last seven innings, allowing six hits and two runs—consecutive RBI hits by the Twins' Brian Dozier and Joe Mauer.

### Orioles 2, Yankees 1

In New York, Chris Davis led off the ninth inning with his major league-leading 41st home run and Baltimore beat New

York for just their fourth win in 19 games.

The Yankees began the day a half-game behind AL East-leading Toronto. They failed to take advantage of Masahiro Tanaka's 10-strikeout performance and Alex Rodriguez's 30th homer—A-Rod has reached the mark in 15 seasons, tying Hank Aaron's record.

### Blue Jays 5, Red Sox 1

In Boston, Troy Tulowitzki singled in the go-ahead run off Alexi Ogando to trigger a four-run 10th inning that lifted AL East-leading Toronto to a 5-1 victory over Boston.

With the win, Toronto increased its lead in the East to 1 1-2 games over the New York Yankees, who lost 2-1 to Baltimore. The Blue Jays won for the 13th time in 17 games.

### Phillies 5, Braves 0

In Philadelphia, rookie Aaron Nola pitched seven innings and Odubel Herrera hit a three-run homer to lead Philadelphia over Atlanta.

Nola (6-2) rebounded from the worst start of his career, allowing six hits with a career-high seven strikeouts and one

walk, to help Philadelphia snap a five-game losing streak.

### Marlins 6, Brewers 4

In Miami, J.T. Realmuto hit two home runs, including an inside-the-parker, to help lead Miami over Milwaukee.

Justin Bour drove in two runs. Dee Gordon recorded his 49th multihit game with two knocks and also stole two bases, giving him 50 on the season.

### Tigers 8, Rays 7, 13 innings

In Detroit, Rajai Davis' sacrifice fly gave the Tigers the win in a game that was tied four times, the last at 7-7.

James McCann led off the 13th with an infield single, and Andrew Bellatti (0-1) couldn't pick up Jefry Marte's bunt attempt, putting runners on first and second. Andrew Romine laid down a successful bunt putting runners at second and third.

### White Sox 7, Indians 4

In Chicago, Rob Brantly smacked a three-run homer for his first American League hit, and rookie Carlos Rodon allowed one run through seven

innings to lead Chicago.

Jose Abreu went 3 for 4—including his 26th homer and a double—to drive in two runs and help the White Sox win for the fifth time in six games. Trayce Thompson also had two RBIs.

### Giants 6, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Tim Hudson pitched six effective innings in his return to the rotation and hit his first homer in two seasons for San Francisco.

Hudson (7-8) was sharp while subbing for Ryan Vogelsong, who pitched in relief the night before. Hudson allowed a run and four hits in his first start since July 26.

### Athletics 4, Astros 0

In Oakland, California, Sonny Gray outpitched close friend Scott Kazmir, and the Athletics spoiled the former Oakland lefty's return to the Coliseum.

Mark Canha hit a three-run homer in the fifth inning after Billy Burns' earlier solo shot to back Gray (13-7). The All-Star right-hander ended a four-start winless stretch and got the best of mentor Kazmir,

traded by the A's to his hometown Astros on July 23.

### Dodgers 6, Angels 4

In Anaheim, California, Clayton Kershaw gave up four hits and two runs over seven innings to win his eighth consecutive decision, and Justin Ruggiano hit a leadoff homer for the Dodgers in their 13th victory in 15 games.

Corey Seager had a run-scoring double during the Dodgers' four-run sixth inning in their eighth consecutive win over their Freeway Series rivals.

### Padres 2, Rockies 1

In San Diego, Brett Wallace's fielder's choice grounder drove in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth for San Diego.

Corey Spangenberg doubled to lead off the ninth against Boone Logan (0-3) and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by pinch-hitter Clint Barmes.

### Rangers 9, Mariners 6

In Seattle, Cole Hamels shook off a line drive that deflected off his jaw, and Texas hit four home runs.

Hamels pitched seven innings to help Texas move within one game of first-place Houston in the AL West.



# SEDA fetes season's top darters

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The Saipan Electronic Darts Association also honored 22 players for their individual performances in the last Bud Light-SEDA Winter/Spring 2015 season in the awards banquet held last Aug. 30 at Pacific Island Club's Charley's Cabaret.

Jokers Spartans teammates Pedro "Pistol Pete" Lizama and Jun "Shocker" Santos led the list of High In and Out, and Top Gun awardees in the eight divisions that also included Masters and A divisions most valuable players Jun Olita and Erwin Clavecillas.

Lizama was the High In (160) and Top Gun (50.25) awardee in the Chichirika C division, while Santos was the Kingfisher C (50.19) and Tuesday B (52.99) Top Gun.

Santos was also the Kingfisher C and Tuesday B MVP and his



Awardees of the Bud Light-Saipan Electronic Darts Association Winter/Spring 2015 season High Out category top performers pose for a group photo in the league's awards banquet held last Aug. 31 at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

and Lizama's performances also helped the Spartans rule the regular season and Bud Light Cup in both Kingfisher C divisions.

Sally Aguon ruled the Chichirika C division's High Out (124) while Melvin Aldan (160) and Jonathan Camacho (111) earned the Kingfisher C's High In and Out honors with Kevin "K.J." Villagomez (170) and Peter Togawa (107) equaling the feat in Tuesday B.

Olita, on the other hand, added Masters Top Gun (70.19) to his MVP trophy that further cemented his status as one of the league's elite players. Clavecillas was the A Division Top Gun (60.51).

Anie Legaspi (170) and Burth "Imported" Dacumos (160) was the Masters division's High In and Out awardees with Gigi "Don Badong" Gatmaitan (170) and Luis Ramos (149) earned the same honors in the A category.

Zelma Santos (116), Rose

Reguine (59), and Michelle "Metz" Olita (39.51) were the recipients for the Ladies with Vince "Vinsanity" Sablan (160), Ron "Big Ron" Chisato (157), and Boom "Bang" Cruz (48.08) clinch-

ing the same award in the Thursday Flame Tree division.

Richard Guanzon was the High In (160) and High Out (142) recipient in the Thursday Fanihi B with Joker Camacho (50.03) completing the list after clinching the Top Gun trophy.

SEDA thanked MARPAC-Bud Light, the league's major sponsor, for their continued support.

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## PIC hosts Point Break Open Sept. 18 and 19

Pacific Islands Club Saipan will be holding the 2015 Point Break Open with riders from Korea, Japan, U.S., Russia, and the Philippines joining the tournament set for Sept. 18 and 19 at the hotel's flowrider facility in San Antonio.

The two-day tournament offers 12 divisions, including two new ones.

"Once again, we will feature the Grommets (11 years of age and younger) and Kids (12 to 17 years old) bodyboard divisions. Riders from Korea and

Japan have typically dominated this event, but last year's champion, Vova Propenko from Russia, will be back to defend his title," event director Glenn Policare said.

Other participants can enter the men and women's Open, Masters (35 years or older), Expert bodyboard, and Novice divisions.

"For years the crowd has had the chance to come down to the event and watch some of the best riders in the Pacific. This year, even if you have never ridden the flowrider before, we have a division for you. Our resident experts will be

on hand to give you riding tips and pointers to get through the rounds," Policare added.

For the more competitive men's and women's Open divisions and the Expert bodyboard and flowboard categories, riders must join the first day of the tournament to determine their seeding in the last day of the competition.

"We started this format a few years ago and it seems to be working great," Policare said. "We want to make sure that the bracket is set for everyone on Saturday, so we have the riders in the Open and Expert divisions establish their seeding."

"This format also gives us a preview of what we have to look forward to on Saturday," judge Dale Roberts said. "It is amazing to see how much this sport has progressed over the years."

The Open and Expert riders will be given two 45-second rides to showcase their skills. The rider with the highest scores (combined two rides) will get the No. 1 seeding. The higher-seeded riders will be paired against the lower-seeded ones in the elimination round the following day.

"Seeding is everything," judge Robert Jordan said. "If

you don't have a good run Friday night, you could find yourself riding against a past champion in one of the early rounds. I suggest you bring your A game early."

Next Friday's rides for seeding will begin at 5pm, while Saturday's competition will start at 10am. Practice rides have kicked off yesterday and will continue this week and from Sept. 15 to 17 from 6pm to 8pm.

Meanwhile, the riders to watch in next week's competition are men's flowboard division returning champion Keoni Ichihara and contenders Dan Westphal, Chris Mojar, and Ray Babauta. In the women's division, all eyes will be on

Kaouru Nishimura, who won last year's competition and qualified to the 2014 Asia Flow Series Finals held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Nishimura and company will battle for trophies and \$10,000 worth of cash and other prizes from the following sponsors of the event: IT&E, Bridge Capital, LLC, PIC Saipan, Pacific Trading Co., Jeju Airlines, Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort, Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, Swirls, Loco Boutique, Waveloch, Japan Flowrider Association, and Boarderline.

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### TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

#### MLB STANDINGS

##### AMERICAN LEAGUE

###### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	79	59	.572	—
New York	77	60	.562	1½
Tampa Bay	67	71	.486	12
Baltimore	66	72	.478	13
Boston	65	73	.471	14

###### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	83	55	.601	—
Minnesota	71	67	.514	12
Cleveland	67	70	.489	15½
Chicago	66	71	.482	16½
Detroit	64	74	.464	19

###### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	75	64	.540	—
Texas	73	64	.533	1
Los Angeles	69	69	.500	5½
Seattle	66	73	.475	9
Oakland	60	79	.432	15

##### NATIONAL LEAGUE

###### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	77	61	.558	—
Washington	71	67	.514	6
Miami	58	81	.417	19½
Atlanta	55	84	.396	22½
Philadelphia	54	85	.388	23½

###### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	87	51	.630	—
Pittsburgh	82	55	.599	4½
Chicago	80	57	.584	6½
Milwaukee	61	77	.442	26
Cincinnati	57	80	.416	29½

###### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	80	58	.580	—
San Francisco	72	67	.518	8½
Arizona	66	73	.475	14½
San Diego	66	73	.475	14½
Colorado	57	81	.413	23

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### U16

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inzo, Clayton Izuka, James Ermitanio, Alan Hinson, Mareko Tekopua, Alex Park, Louie Calayag, Cole Chambers, Code Leon, Emmanuel Aniana, Sunjoon Tenorio, Edwin Kim, Anthony Fruit, Joshua Abagan, Jonathan Capayas, Joshua De Leon, Thaiph Austria, Chad Shankweiler, and Dai Podziewski. Completing the CNMI delegation are assistant coaches Wai Wo Lee and Jerish Angeles, goalkeeper coach Takemoto Suzuki, manager Derek Chambers, and doctor Jungsang Park.

### LEINA

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MSU-Denver junior Cha Cha Willhoite was voted as the Preseason Golfer of the Year and also leads the Preseason All-RMAC Team that also includes teammate Allie Johnston, Colorado Mesa's Sara Swaney and Taylor Walters, and Colorado Christian's Katrina Mendez.

In other news, the young

The Commonwealth bets are in Group G of the qualifiers and will be playing against the host country, Timor-Leste, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

"Our target is to get at least one win and limit our opponents' goals," Sekiguchi said.

"We've been practicing defensive tactics using our speed to prevent scoring opportunities. Hopefully, these will work in the tournament and we will just make the adjustments as the game progresses," added Sekiguchi, who picks Malaysia and Laos as the top teams in the group.

Incidentally, Sekiguchi was the technical director of Laos before he took the same post

in the CNMI about two years ago so his familiarity with the host's brand of football will be a great help to the Commonwealth team.

From Laos, Sekiguchi will go to Chonburi in Thailand to join the CNMI U19 National Team's training camp set for Sept. 21 to 25 before proceeding to Bangkok for the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers.

"The tournament in Thailand is tougher because the teams we will be facing may have some players who are members of their national men's team and will be playing in World Cup qualifiers this year. Our

the 36-hole tournament.

Hometown bet Ewing, who made one of the three eagles in the tournament, finished seventh overall after submitting a 10-over 152 while Kam, who was 2-under in par-5 scoring, ended up tied for eighth spot with a 12-over 154.

The Lady ThunderWolves will travel to Fox Hill Golf Club in Longmont, Colorado for the RMAC#1 next week on Sept. 14 and 15.

players need to double up their efforts in every game. Again, I am hoping our speed and defense will be enough to give our opponents a good game," said Sekiguchi, who is also eyeing to win at least one game in Bangkok.

The CNMI is in Group H of the qualifiers and will be debuting against Chinese-Taipei on Sept. 28. Up next for the Commonwealth team is its Sept. 30 match versus Singapore, while the former will duel the host country on Oct. 2 before closing out against South Korea on Oct. 4.

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followed by a layup from Ernie Moises, while Oh My J scored only 2 points from Joseph Galulu's drive. However, Moises' field goal was Makaloro Lang's last, as the team opted to gamble on outside shots, while Oh My J dribbled down the time and forced its foe to commit fouls.

Makaloro Lang absorbed its first loss in the league without its gunner Ivan Devero. With Devero out, Peredo emerged

The CNMI U19 National Team is composed of goalkeepers Christopher Aninzo and Joshua Galarion, midfielders Emmanuel Aniana, Joel Fruit, Hunter Jewell, Scott Kim, Yoshi Mafnas, Greg Sablan, and Terrence Thosert-Belcher, defenders Euly James Ermitanio, Alan Hinson, Kennedy Izuka, Won Young Kim, John Diego Masga, Ryan Relucio, and Mareko Tekopua, and forwards Chad Shankweiler, Sean Perez, and Ryu Tanzawa. Russell Zapanta is the team manager, while NMIFA treasurer Elna Curate is the CNMI delegation head.

as the top-scorer for Makaloro Lang with his 12 points, while Moises added 10.

Guiab had 14 to support Mateo, while Robert Sanciango, Asuhan, and Tobias combined for 19.

**Oh My J 58** – Mateo 19, Guiab 14, Sanciango 7, Asuhan 6, Tobias 6, Galulu 3, Hilario 2.

**Makaloro Lang 47** – Peredo 12, Moises 10, Velasco 9, Jugos 6, Buenabaja 2, Culala 2, De Leon 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 23-23, 58-47.



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## U16, U19 teams to count on speed, defense



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Members and officials of the CNMI U16 National Team pose for a group photo during a send-off ceremony last Saturday at the lobby of Kanoa Resort.

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REPORTER

The CNMI U16 and U19 teams will be relying on their speed and defense when they compete in Asian Football Confederation-sanctioned tournaments later this month.

"For us to get the best possible results in Laos and Thailand, we have to use our speed and defense," said Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Kiyoshi Sekiguchi, who will be coaching both squads.

The CNMI U16 National Team will be competing first,



as it left Saipan yesterday for the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers, which will be held at the National Sports Complex Stadium in Vientiane, Laos from Sept. 12 to 20. The squad is composed of Christopher An-

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## Leina-less CSU-Pueblo tipped to finish second

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REPORTER

The Colorado State University-Pueblo's women's golf team, even without senior Leina Kim, was voted to finish second again in the 2015-2016 season of the



Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference  
Kim, considered to be one of

the most successful female golfers in of CSU-Pueblo's history, will be making her debut as one of the Lady ThunderWolves' assistant coaches this season after using up her eligibility.

CSU-Pueblo, which finished second to Metropolitan

State University of Denver last season, are again predicted to duplicate their feat behind the Roadrunners based on a pre-season poll among RMAC coaches.

The Lady ThunderWolves garnered 120 points behind RMAC favorites MSU-Denver's 143 with the Roadrunners getting 11 first-place votes. Western New Mexico, Colorado Mesa and Regis made it to the Top 5 with 118, 117, and 95 points each.

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (88), Adams State (78), Colorado Christian (73), Black Hills State (55), Chadron State (44), Westminster (31), South Dakota Mines (27), and Fort Lewis (25) completed the list.

CSU-Pueblo, behind Kim and veteran Julie Sanchez's exploits, placed second behind MSU-Denver. She secured the RMAC individual crown with a 9-under 135, while Sanchez landed fifth that helped the Lady ThunderWolves to the runner-up finish.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Colorado State University-Pueblo women's golf team assistant coach Leina Kim, left, joins the Lady ThunderWolves before the start of the Farmers Insurance Samuel Proal Invitational on Monday at the Walking Stick Golf Course in Pueblo, Colorado.

## Oh My J ends Makalaro Lang's streak

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REPORTER



Oh My J pulled off an upset over league-leading Makalaro Lang, 58-47, during the lone game played in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League last night at the Navy Hill court.

Oh My J handed Makalaro Lang its first loss, but the latter remains on top of the nine-team field with its 3-1 record. Oh My J jumped to the second spot, tying Pasion De Amor, Hard Kulangot, and Wag Kang Pabebe.

Makalaro Lang failed to extend its win streak to four, as it faltered on its comeback bid late in thesecond half and went scoreless in the last 2:33 of the match. Makalaro lang was just behind by 4 points, 47-51, but elected to take hurried shots in the paint and a couple of 3-point attempts and missed all of them, allowing Oh My J to widen the gap.

Oh My J countered Makalaro Lang's botched offensive sets with four free throws as

Ferdie Tobias and Junar Guiab both went perfect from the foul line in the ensuing plays. Nate Mateo added a split after another Makalaro Lang's missed triple, while Mark Asuhan scored off a drive to seal it for Oh My J, with less than a minute left in the game.

Mateo top-scored for Oh My J with his 19 points, including 4 straight points in the last five minutes of the match to bring order back to his team. Before Mateo's successive points, Makalaro Lang managed to trim the deficit from 7 (37-44) to 3 (41-44) after John Jugos canned a triple and Errol Peredo went 1-for-1 from the 15-foot line.

After Peredo missed his second charity, Mateo took the rebound and drew a foul on the former. Mateo made only one free throw and later got a shooter's bounce on his 3-point attempt after another miss from Makalaro Lang to give Oh My J more breathing space, 49-41.

Down by 8 with still three minutes left, Makalaro Lang stayed in the game off Peredo's own 4 straight points,

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Oh My J's Joseph Galulu is surrounded by three Makalaro Lang defenders under the basket during the second half of their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last night at the Navy Hill court.